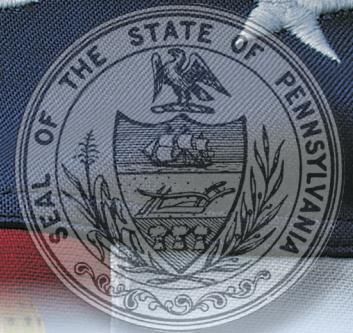


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STATE REPRESENTATIVE | 52ND LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT



JUST CALL IT THE 'BENEDICT ARNOLD' BUDGET

After a month-long impasse, the 2023-24 state budget bill was signed into law by Gov. Josh Shapiro in early August, minus \$100 million he line-item vetoed that would have helped kids trapped in the state's worst-performing schools.

The governor campaigned on providing alternatives to these struggling students and their families, and he had reached an agreement with the Senate to include funding for it in this budget. Then he caved to special interests.

In politics, as in life, you are only as good as your word. The governor's actions represent a massive breach of trust with lawmakers and, more importantly, the people who were relying on this funding to give their kids a better chance for success in life.

I opposed the budget in part because of the governor's actions, but also because the 6% increase in spending is beyond what we anticipate bringing in this year. That means tapping into our reserves and, eventually, it will lead to an increase in your taxes.

We can and must do better.

HOLDING UNIVERSITIES ACCOUNTABLE FOR HOW THEY SPEND TAXPAYER DOLLARS

More than \$600 million in taxpayer funding is sent each year to Pennsylvania's four state-related universities, but the accountability for how that funding is spent is sorely lacking.

I am once again sponsoring legislation that would more fully subject our state-related universities – Pitt, Penn State, Temple and Lincoln – to the state's Right-to-Know Law. Universities within the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education and community colleges already fall under the law.

Taxpayers deserve to know how their money is being spent by these universities. While university leaders have claimed the funding is necessary to keep down the cost of tuition for in-state students, the heads of Pitt, Penn State and Temple testified during state budget hearings that tuition rates would go up regardless of how much money they get from the state.

House Bill 1556 is pending consideration by the House State Government Committee.

WARNER APPOINTED TO KEY EDUCATION, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POSTS

I am honored to have been appointed to two key posts impacting education and economic development:

- **The Basic Education Funding Commission** was created by law in 2014 to address disparities in funding for our schools and students. The quality of a child's education should not be based on the ZIP code in which they reside.
- **The Port of Pittsburgh Commission** was created by the Legislature in 1992 to promote the commercial use and development of the inland waterway-intermodal transportation. This has vastly grown economic opportunity in western Pennsylvania.

COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS



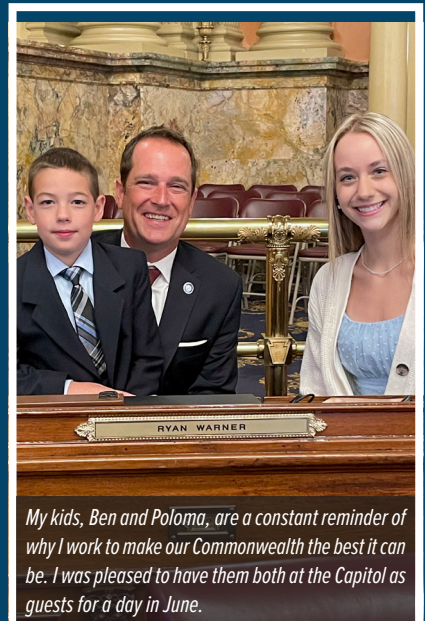
Congratulations to Quinton Martin, running back for the 2022 state champion Belle Vernon Leopards, who has been recruited to play at Penn State University. We recognized the whole team for its outstanding season at the Capitol.



Checking out improvements made to Casparis Road with (from left) Connellsville Township supervisors Todd Miner and Tom Upton, and Connellsville Township VFD Assistant Chief Jon Gilpin.



At our Farmers Appreciation Breakfast, Rep. Charity Grimm Krupa and I recognized local winners from this year's Pennsylvania Farm Show.



My kids, Ben and Poloma, are a constant reminder of why I work to make our Commonwealth the best it can be. I was pleased to have them both at the Capitol as guests for a day in June.

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HARD-TO-READ LICENSE PLATE REPLACEMENT

Monday, Sept. 18, 3–6 p.m.

Perryopolis Auto Auction

3447 Pittsburgh Road, Perryopolis

Be sure to bring your vehicle with the affected plate attached, along with your unexpired PA driver's license and current vehicle registration card. Please RSVP online at RepWarner.com or by calling the Connellsville office at 724-437-1105.



CONCEALED CARRY SEMINAR

Thursday, Sept. 21

5:30–7 p.m.

Connellsville Elks

140 E. Crawford Ave., Connellsville

Please RSVP online at RepWarner.com or by calling the Connellsville office at 724-437-1105.



SENIOR EXPO

Friday, Oct. 6, 10 a.m. to Noon

Penn State Fayette, Main Arena

2201 University Drive

Lemont Furnace



VETERANS APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

Friday, Nov. 3, 9–10 a.m.

Connellsville Township Fire Hall

905 Fireman St., Connellsville

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