



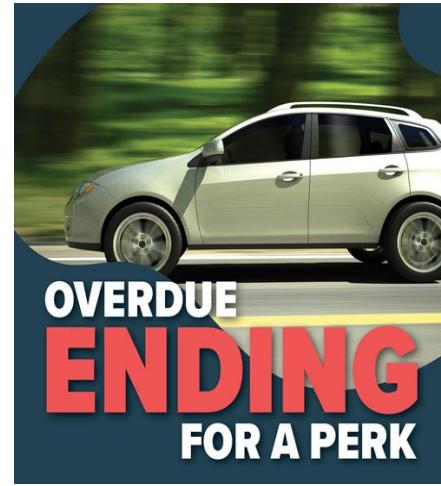
House Moves to End Use of Taxpayer-Funded Cars for Members

By Rep. Ann Flood

SLATE BELT - Effective Dec. 1, House members will no longer be permitted to enter into taxpayer-funded leases for vehicles or use state fleet vehicles.

This spring, the House overwhelmingly approved House Bill 746 which would have ended the use of taxpayer-funded vehicles among both House members and senators. However, the Senate failed to act on the bill before the end of the session. To address the issue in our own chamber, we voted to amend the House rules to prohibit the use of such vehicles.

The few remaining members in current leases will not have to surrender their vehicles until the lease ends, but this is an important and long-overdue step toward ending this perk.



PA PSSA Decline for Second Year in a Row

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SLATE BELT - For the second straight year, Pennsylvania's students have underperformed on state-issued standardized tests, known as the Pennsylvania System of State Assessment (PSSA), compared to pre-pandemic results, and in some cases worse than 2021.

House Republican Leader Bryan Cutler said, "This year's abysmal PSSA scores, especially in the areas of language arts and biology, are another reminder that government forcing students to remain in a broken education system that is failing today's students."

He went on to ensure that, "Republicans have, and will continue to, advance education policies that empower families to make the best decisions possible for their children and their future."

According to the results released this week, only 52% students in third grade and 55% of students in eighth grade scored at proficient or above in English Language Arts, and only 48% of third graders and 22% of eighth graders scored at proficient or above in math.

