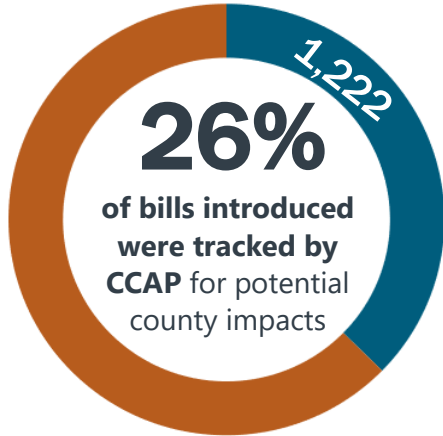


2021 - 2022 LEGISLATIVE SESSION IN REVIEW

4,718
bills introduced



OTHER LEGISLATIVE WINS

Counties also stopped or fixed several bills that would have had negative impacts on services and taxpayers, including unfunded mandates to counties, major cuts to county lines in tough state budgets and securing one-time federal funding to aid in pandemic recovery. This resulted in routine calls and touchpoints with the Governor, state agencies and legislative leadership.

Additionally, counties were able to gain traction and be recognized partners on key issues impact our communities, including access to EMS and broadband. The CCAP board approved development of a Broadband Task Force to provide input to the state broadband authority, where Executive Director Lisa Schaefer serves as chair to the Data and Mapping subcommittee.

Counties also provided ongoing input on election-related legislation, ensuring administrative and process considerations were made. The need to combat misinformation helped launch "County Connections", a show produced with CCAP and Pennsylvania Cable Network (PCN). While the first episode focused on election administration, the series will showcase county government's role in a number of issues in communities across the commonwealth. Check it out on our YouTube channel, **CCAP Media!**

SHARING THE COUNTY MESSAGE

CCAP and its members provide input and testimony on legislation to a wide variety of committees, explaining how a bill might affect counties or how counties are involved in a particular issue area.

CCAP sent legislative memos on **57** bills to **14** Senate committees and **13** House committees, as well as the full House and Senate.

CCAP members, staff and affiliates also testified or submitted written comments for **54** legislative hearings, covering policy issues including broadband, mental health elections, storm water maintenance, human services, public worker safety, tourism and more.

68

acts affecting county
government signed
into law, including:

- **Acts 7, 8, 9 of 2021:** District Attorney vacancy clarifications
- **Act 33 of 2021:** Tax sale bidder pre-registration
- **Act 65 of 2021:** Sunshine Act public meeting agenda amendments
- **Act 17 of 2022:** Contracts for services when bids are requested but not received
- **Act 77 of 2022:** Retains county offender supervision funds to counties
- **Act 88 of 2022:** Prohibits private funding of elections and establishes the Election Integrity Grant Program
- **Act 151 of 2022:** Requires notification following determination of data breaches
- **Act 163 of 2022:** Provides for collection of unpaid judicial fines and fees

FUN FACT

During this session, one of every three bills that made it to the Governor's desk had an impact to counties.

2023-2024 GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT A GLANCE

6



New members of the Senate

49



New members of the House

26

Policy committees in the House and Senate with typical jurisdiction over legislation impacting counties

CCAP government relations staff make an effort to meet with every new legislator and every committee chair—both Republican and Democrat—with jurisdiction over county-related legislation each session.

COUNTY PARTICIPATION MATTERS

CCAP members responded to over **35** calls to action and were heavily engaged on grassroots initiatives, including elections reforms, budget, legislative priorities, mental health and several other topics. Member grassroots engagement is one of the most critical elements of the legislative process—elected officials want to hear from counties as peers and subject-matter experts on the ground, in their communities.

CCAP members and county staff testified before legislative committees on several occasions:

- Rob Postal (Mifflin): Broadband Development and Policy, Center for Rural Pennsylvania
- Kevin Booze (Butler): COVID-19 Outcomes For Counties, House and Senate Local Government Committees
- Daryl Miller (Bradford): Sunshine Law Legal Advertising Requirements (HB 955), House Local Government Committee
- Richard Perhacs (Erie): Right-to-Know Law and COVID-19 Impacts to Counties, House State Government Committee
- Sherene Hess (Indiana) and Daryl Miller (Bradford): Election Code Reforms, Senate State Government Committee
- Mark Hamilton (Tioga): Crisis in Pennsylvania's EMS System, House Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee
- Daryl Miller (Bradford): Maintaining Our Creeks and Streams to Prevent Flooding, House Environmental Resources and Energy Committee
- Scott Dunn (Fayette) and Kevin Booze (Butler): Public Safety Authorities (SB 698), Senate Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee
- Ruth Ann Koss (Allegheny Behavioral Health), Gerard Mike (Beaver MH/ID) and Kathy Whalen (Juniata Behavioral Health): Projected Mental Health Needs in Public Schools, House Children and Youth and House Education Committees