



TO: The Honorable Members of the PA House of Representatives

FROM: Aaron Riggleman, Manager, Government Affairs

DATE: March 23, 2026

RE: **PA Chamber memo: Support H.B. 1042 - Pathways to Employment for Incarcerated People**

I write on behalf of the PA Chamber to urge support for House Bill 1042.

H.B. 1042 would allow people who complete educational and vocational programs while incarcerated to have accelerated parole eligibility consideration. Additionally, this legislation would assist individuals in obtaining licensing post-release by counting educational credits against the waiting time for license eligibility.

Considering the Commonwealth's ongoing workforce crisis, the PA Chamber understands the need to expand the pool of available workers and close the skills gap. By granting incarcerated individuals an opportunity for early release by participating in educational and vocational training, we ensure they are equipped with the skills necessary to gain meaningful employment upon reintegration into society and help businesses fill open positions.

We urge you to support H.B. 1042. Please contact Aaron Riggleman at ariggleman@pachamber.org or 724-640-3290 with questions or to discuss.

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