

UPDATED: May 2, 2021

UVC State Legislation Watch

2021 General Assembly Action Summary

To read the full bills go to: <https://leg.colorado.gov> Click on “Bills”.

General Assembly Update as of May 2, 596 measures introduced; House measures: 300 bills, 12 resolutions; Senate measures: 258 bills, 1 memorial, 25 resolutions.

New bills introduced this week are highlighted in gray. Bills postponed indefinitely are now ~~strike through gray.~~

Bills Directly Impacting Veterans/Military

HB21-1016

Transfer Jurisdiction to Veteran's Specialty Court

Concerning the authority to transfer jurisdiction of a veteran defendant's case to a jurisdiction with a veteran's specialty court.

LAST ACTION: 04/30/2021 | **Senate Second Reading Passed with Amendments - Floor (2 amendments total)**

NEXT ACTION: Senate Floor Work - Monday, May 3

FISCAL NOTE: No appropriation is required.

SPONSORS: [Rep. D. Ortiz \(D-38\)](#) | [Rep. M. Lynch \(R-49\)](#) | [Sen. L. Garcia \(D-3\)](#) | [Sen Bob Gardner \(R-12\)](#)

SUBJECTS: Courts & Judicial; Military & Veterans

UVC Position:

Support w amend.

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HB21-1065

Veterans' Hiring Preference

Concerning the authority of a private employer to adopt a veterans' preference employment policy when hiring new employees.

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LAST ACTION: **04/28/2021 | House Second Reading Laid Over to 05/03/2021 - No Amendments.**

NEXT ACTION: House Floor Work – Monday, May 3

FISCAL NOTE: No appropriation is required.

SPONSORS: [Rep. D. Ortiz \(D-38\)](#) | [Rep. T. Carver \(R-20\)](#)

SUBJECT: Labor & Employment

UVC Position:

Support

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~~HB21-1079~~

~~**Modify Property Tax Exemption for Veterans with Disabilities**~~

~~Concerning the property tax exemption for veterans with a disability, and, in connection therewith, increasing the maximum amount of actual value of the owner-occupied primary residence of a qualifying veteran with a disability that is partly exempt from property taxation.~~

~~LAST ACTION: 03/4/2021 | House Committee on State, Civic, Military, & Veterans Affairs
Postpone Indefinitely~~

~~FISCAL NOTE: General Fund Expenditures Budget Year FY 2021-22 – \$2.2 million; Out Year FY 2022-23 Revenue – \$2.5 million.~~

~~SPONSORS: [Rep. S. Sandridge \(R-14\)](#)~~

~~SUBJECT: Fiscal Policy & Taxes~~

~~**UVC Position:**~~

~~**Support w ‘permanent’ amend**~~

~~Feb. 23, 2021 EXCOM~~

~~HB21-1113~~

~~**Income Tax Deduction for Mil Retirement Benefits**~~

~~Concerning the income tax deduction for military retirement benefits.~~

~~LAST ACTION: 03/18/2021 | House Committee on State, Civic, Military, & Veterans Affairs
Postpone Indefinitely~~

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FISCAL NOTE: Revenue General Fund reductions – Out Year FY 2022-23 (\$650,000); Out Year FY 2023-24 (\$3,650,000); Out Year FY 2024-25 (\$6,000,000)

SPONSORS: [Rep. M. Bradfield \(R-21\)](#)

SUBJECT: Fiscal Policy & Taxes

UVC Position:

Support

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HB21-1116

Purple Heart Recipient Free State Park Access

Concerning access to state parks by purple heart recipients.

LAST ACTION: **4/27/2021 | Senate Committee on State, Veterans, & Military Affairs Refer Unamended to Appropriations**

NEXT ACTION:

SPONSORS: [Rep. R. Holtorf \(R-64\)](#) | [Rep. D. Ortiz \(D-38\)](#) | [Sen. L. Liston \(R-10\)](#) | [Sen. L. Garcia \(D-3\)](#)

FISCAL NOTE: Budget Year FY 2021-22 (up to \$31,940); Out Year FY 2022-23 (up to \$38,328)

SUBJECTS: Military & Veterans;
Natural Resources & Environment

UVC Position:

SUPPORT

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HB21-1217

Military Family Open Enrollment in Public Schools

Concerning active duty military family enrollment in public schools.

LAST ACTION: **04/29/2021 | Senate Committee on Education Refer Amended - Consent Calendar to Senate Committee of the Whole**

NEXT ACTION: Senate Floor Work – Tuesday, May 4

SPONSORS: [Rep. R. Bockenfeld \(R-56\)](#) | [Rep. J. Bacon \(D-7\)](#) | [Sen. R. Fields \(D-29\)](#) | [Sen. P. Lundeen \(R-9\)](#)

FISCAL NOTE: No fiscal impact. The bill makes accommodations for inbound active military families to open enroll in public schools. Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required

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SUBJECTS: Education & School Finance (Pre & K-12)
Military & Veterans

UVC Position:
SUPPORT
Mar. 23, 2021 Leg & Exec

HB21-1231

United States Space Force

Concerning the United States Space Force, and, in connection therewith, authorizing the Colorado Space National Guard and including the United States Space Force in statutory references to the branches of the United States armed forces.

LAST ACTION: **04/30/2021 | Senate Second Reading Passed - No Amendments**

NEXT ACTION: Senate Floor Work – Monday, May 3

SPONSORS: [Rep. D. Ortiz](#) (D-38) | [Rep. M. Lynch](#) (R-49) | [Sen. R. Fields](#) (D-29) | [Sen. J. Bridges](#) (D-26)

FISCAL NOTE: The bill has no impact on state or local revenue or expenditures and has been assessed as having no fiscal impact.

SUBJECT: Military & Veterans

UVC Position:
SUPPORT
Mar. 23, 2021 Leg. & Exec

HB21-1257

Recognition of Veterans in Capitol Complex Parks

Concerning the recognition of veterans in relation to certain parks within the state capitol complex.

LAST ACTION: **04/29/2021 | House Committee on State, Civic, Military, & Veterans Affairs Refer Amended to Appropriations (1 amendment)**

NEXT ACTION:

FISCAL NOTE: For FY 2021-22, the bill requires an appropriation of \$10,000 to the Department of Personnel and Administration.

SPONSORS: [Rep. A. Garnett](#) (D-2) | [Rep. P. Neville](#) (R-45) | [Sen. L. Garcia](#) (D-3)

SUBJECTS: Capital Construction

UVC Position:
SUPPORT
April 27, 2021 Leg. & Exec

SB21-015

Veterans Service Organization Stipend for Funeral Services

Concerning a stipend for veteran service organizations that provide funeral services for honorably discharged veterans.

LAST ACTION: 04/22/2021 | **House Committee on State, Civic, Military, & Veterans Affairs Refer Unamended to Appropriations**

NEXT ACTION:

FISCAL NOTE: For FY 2021-22, the bill requires an appropriation of \$30,930 to the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

SPONSORS: [Sen. J. Cooke \(R-13\)](#) | [Sen. L. Garcia \(D-3\)](#) | [Rep. D. Ortiz \(D-38\)](#) | [Rep. Mike Lynch \(R-49\)](#)

SUBJECT: Military & Veterans

UVC Position:

MONITOR

Feb. 23, 2021 EXCOM

SB21-024

Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day

Concerning recognition of the thirtieth day of March as a commemorative state holiday, and, in connection therewith, designating the thirtieth day of March as "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day".

LAST ACTION: 03/30/2021 | Signed by Governor.

SPONSORS: [Sen. S. Jaquez Lewis \(D-17\)](#) | [Sen. B. Rankin \(R-8\)](#) | [Rep. T. Sullivan \(D-37\)](#)

FISCAL NOTE: No appropriation is required.

SUBJECT: State Government

UVC Position:

SUPPORT

Feb. 23, 2021 EXCOM

SB21-026

UPDATED: May 2, 2021

Restoration of Honor Act

Concerning the eligibility of discharged LGBT veterans for specified state benefits.

LAST ACTION: 04/19/2021 | Signed by Governor.

FISCAL NOTE: No appropriation is required.

SPONSORS: Sen. D. Moreno (D-21) | Rep. D. Ortiz (D-38)

SUBJECT: Military & Veteran

UVC Position:

SUPPORT

Feb. 23, 2021 EXCOM

SB21-032

Mobile Veterans-support Unit Grant Program

Concerning establishing a mobile veterans-support unit grant program.

LAST ACTION: **04/30/2021 | Senate Second Reading Special Order - Passed with Amendments – Committee (1 amendment)**

NEXT ACTION: Senate Floor Work – Monday, May 3

FISCAL NOTE: The bill requires an appropriation of \$229,070 to the Office of Economic Development and International Trade.

SPONSORS: Sen. K. Donovan (D-5) | Rep. D. Ortiz (D-38)

SUBJECT: Military & Veterans

UVC Position:

MONITOR

Feb. 23, 2021 EXCOM

SB21-129

Veteran Suicide Prevention Pilot Program

Concerning establishing a pilot program to reduce the suicide rate among veterans.

LAST ACTION: 03/18/2021 | Senate Committee on State, Veterans, & Military Affairs Refer Amended to Appropriations (three amendments)

NEXT ACTION:

UPDATED: May 2, 2021

FISCAL NOTE: For FY 2021-22, the bill requires an appropriation of \$1,681,600 to the Department of Human Services; FY22-23 appropriation \$2,963,200.

SPONSORS: [Sen. L. Garcia \(D-3\)](#) | [Rep. D. Ortiz \(D-38\)](#)

SUBJECTS: Human Services; Military & Veterans

UVC Position:

SUPPORT w amendments

Mar. 23, 2021 Leg. & Exec

SB21-145

Extending Expiring Tax Check-offs

Concerning the extension of the period of time that voluntary contributions that are set to expire in 2021 will appear on the state individual tax return form. (Extends Military Family Relief Fund tax check-off.)

LAST ACTION: 04/22/2021 | [Signed by Governor.](#)

SPONSORS: [Sen. C. Simpson \(R-35\)](#) | [Rep. D. Valdez \(D-62\)](#)

SUBJECT: Fiscal Policy & Taxes

UVC Position:

SUPPORT

Mar. 23, 2021 Leg. & Exec

SB21-245

Backcountry Search and Rescue in Colorado

Concerning backcountry search and rescue services in Colorado. Seeking to add Civil Air Patrol (CAP) to the bill.

LAST ACTION: 04/14/2021 | Introduced in Senate - Assigned to Agriculture & Natural Resources

SPONSORS: [Sen. K. Donovan \(D-5\)](#) | [Sen. B. Rankin \(R-8\)](#) | [Rep. J. McCluskie \(D-61\)](#) | [Rep. P. Will \(R-57\)](#)

SUBJECTS: Local Government; State Government

UVC Position:

PENDING

May Leg. & Exec

SB21-253

Women Veterans with Disabilities License Plate

Concerning license plates for veterans who have disabilities, and, in connection therewith, creating a license plate to honor women veterans with disabilities.

LAST ACTION: 04/29/2021 | Introduced in Senate - Assigned to Finance

SPONSORS: [Sen. R. Zenzinger](#) (D-19) | [Sen. J. Danielson](#) (D-20) | [Rep. T. Carver](#) (R-20) | [Rep. D. Michaelson Jenet](#) (D-30)

SUBJECT: Transportation & Motor Vehicles

UVC Position:

PENDING

May Leg. & Exec

Introduced Bills that May Impact Veterans, Military but are not Directly Related to UVC Goals

NOTE: The following bills are provided for Information Only. If a member organization or individual wishes to testify on any of these bills, please do not do so on behalf of UVC.

HB21-1110

Colorado Laws for Persons with Disabilities

Concerning adding language to relevant Colorado statutes related to persons with disabilities to strengthen protections against discrimination on the basis of disability.

LAST ACTION: 03/24/2021 | House Committee on Judiciary Refer Amended to Appropriations (three amendments)

NEXT ACTION:

FISCAL NOTE: For FY 2021-22, the bill requires an appropriation of \$312,922 to the Office of Information Technology. For FY 2022-2023, \$331,249

SPONSORS: [Rep. D. Ortiz](#) (D-38)

SUBJECTS: Civil Law \State Government

HB21-1119

Suicide Prevention, Intervention, & Postvention

Concerning lowering the suicide rate by enhancing care for persons affected by suicide, and, in connection therewith, broadening Colorado's focus to include suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention.

LAST ACTION: 04/22/2021 | Governor Signed.

FISCAL NOTE: No appropriation required. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment estimates that the bill will require \$1,058,245 and 2.3 FTE to provide statewide comprehensive education and training to providers and responders. The fiscal note assumes that the department's current trainings efforts, as well as the various resources that the department provides to health facilities and professionals, fulfills the requirement of the bill and that no change in appropriation is required.

SPONSORS: Rep. J. Rich (R-55) | Rep. L. Daugherty (D-29) | Sen. K. Donovan (D-5) | Sen. D. Coram (R-6)

SUBJECTS: Health Care & Health Insurance.
Human Services

HB21-1144

Bingo Raffle Licenses and New Equipment

~~Concerning the conduct of charitable gaming activity, and, in connection therewith, requiring additional disclosures from license applicants and modernizing the "Bingo and Raffles Law" to accommodate the use of improved electronic aids and devices in the conduct of games of chance.~~

~~LAST ACTION: 03/24/2021 | House Committee on Business Affairs & Labor Postpone Indefinitely~~

~~SPONSORS: Rep. K. McCormick (D-11) | Rep. K. Van Winkle (R-43) | Sen. R. Zenzinger (D-19) | Sen. J. Smallwood (R-4)~~

~~SUBJECTS: Gaming, Lottery, & Racing; _____
_____ Professions & Occupations~~

HB21-1279

Occupational Therapy Interstate Compact

UPDATED: May 2, 2021

Concerning the regulation of practitioners of occupational therapy, and, in connection therewith, enacting Colorado's membership in an interstate compact concerning the limited interstate practice of occupational therapy and providing for the issuance of provisional licenses to certain qualified individuals.

LAST ACTION: **04/30/2021 | House Committee on Public & Behavioral Health & Human Services Refer Amended to Finance**

NEXT ACTION:

SPONSORS: [Rep. M. Young \(D-50\)](#) | [Rep. R. Holtorf \(R-64\)](#) | [Sen. R. Fields \(D-29\)](#)

SUBJECT: Professions & Occupations

SB21-021

Audiology and Speech-language Interstate Compact

Concerning the enactment of the "Audiology and Speech-language Pathology Interstate Compact".

LAST ACTION: **04/26/2021 | House Committee on Finance Refer Unamended to Appropriations (2 amendments)**

NEXT ACTION:

FISCAL NOTE: For FY 2021-22, the bill requires an appropriation of \$108,432 to the Department of Regulatory Agencies and \$21,503 to the Department of Public Safety.

SPONSORS: [Sen. J. Buckner \(D-28\)](#) | [Sen. D. Hisey \(R-2\)](#) | [Rep. M. Young \(D-50\)](#) | [Rep. T. Carver \(R-20\)](#)

SUBJECT: Professions & Occupations

SB21-060

Expand Broadband Service

Concerning broadband deployment.

LAST ACTION: **04/5/2021 | Senate Committee on Business, Labor, & Technology Refer Amended to Appropriations (one amendment)**

NEXT ACTION:

FISCAL NOTE: For FY 2021-22, the bill requires an appropriation of \$776,500 to the Department of Regulatory Agencies.

SPONSORS: [Sen. K. Donovan \(D-5\)](#) | [Rep. D. Roberts \(D-26\)](#)

SUBJECT: Telecommunications & Information
Technology

SB21-138

Improve Brain Injury Support in Criminal Justice System

Concerning measures to improve the support of persons in the criminal justice system with a brain injury.

LAST ACTION: 03/24/2021 | Senate Committee on Judiciary Refer Amended to Appropriations (one amendment)

NEXT ACTION:

FISCAL NOTE: For FY 2021-22, the bill requires an appropriation of \$125,692 to the Department of Corrections.

SPONSORS: [Sen. J. Coleman \(D-33\)](#) | [Rep. S. Sandridge \(R-14\)](#)

SUBJECT: Crimes, Corrections, & Enforcement

SB21-149

Wind Energy Facilities Sited Near Military Operations

~~Concerning limitations on the construction of wind energy facilities sited near military resources.~~

~~LAST ACTION: 03/23/2021 | Senate Committee on State, Veterans, & Military Affairs Postpone Indefinitely~~

~~FISCAL NOTE: No appropriation is required~~

~~SPONSORS: [Sen. B. Gardner \(R-12\)](#)~~

~~SUBJECT: Energy~~

SB21-154

988 Suicide Prevention Lifeline Network

Concerning the implementation of the 988 national suicide prevention lifeline network in Colorado.

LAST ACTION: **04/28/2021 | Senate Committee on Finance Refer Amended to Appropriations (7 amendments total)**

NEXT ACTION:

FISCAL NOTE: For FY 2021-22, the bill requires appropriations of \$8.5 million to multiple state agencies.

SPONSORS: [Sen. C. Kolker \(D-27\)](#) | [Sen. C. Simpson \(R-35\)](#) | [Rep. L. Cutter \(D-25\)](#) | [Rep. M. Soper \(R-54\)](#)

SUBJECT: Human Services

SB21-158

Increase Medical Providers for Senior Citizens

Concerning modifications to the Colorado health service corps program administered by the department of public health and environment to expand the availability of geriatric care providers in shortage areas in the state.

LAST ACTION: 03/22/2021 | Senate Committee on Health & Human Services Refer Amended to Appropriations

NEXT ACTION:

FISCAL NOTE: For FY 2021-22, the bill requires an appropriation of \$225,000 to a cash fund in the Department of Public Health and Environment. This cash fund is continuously appropriated to the department.

SPONSORS: [Sen. J. Danielson \(D-20\)](#) | [Sen. B. Pettersen \(D-22\)](#) | [Rep. B. Titone \(D-27\)](#) | [Rep. M. Duran \(D-24\)](#)

SUBJECTS: Health Care & Health Insurance
Higher Education

SB21-205

2021-22 Long Appropriations Bill

Concerning the provision for payment of the expenses of the executive, legislative, and judicial departments of the state of Colorado, and of its agencies and institutions, for and during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, except as otherwise noted.

LAST ACTION: **04/30/2021 | Senate Consideration of First Conference Committee Report result was to Adopt Committee Report – Repass**

NEXT ACTION:

SPONSORS: [Sen. D. Moreno \(D-21\)](#) | [Rep. J. McCluskie \(D-61\)](#)

SUBJECT: State Revenue & Budget

SB21-225

Repay Cash Funds For 2020 Transfers

Concerning the repayment of cash funds from which money was transferred in 2020 for the purpose of augmenting the general fund. **An amendment to restore funds to the Fort Logan land sale fund, the Veterans Trust Fund and the Veterans Assistance Grant Program transferred in 2020-2021 to the General Fund failed on the House floor.**

LAST ACTION: 04/29/2021 | **Governor Signed.**

SPONSORS: [Sen. B. Rankin \(R-8\)](#) | [Rep. K. Ransom \(R-44\)](#)

SUBJECT: State Revenue & Budget

Resolutions and Memorials

HCR21-1001

Disabled Veterans Property Tax Exemption Eligibility

Submitting to the registered electors of the state of Colorado an amendment to the Colorado constitution concerning the expansion of eligibility for the property tax exemption for veterans with a disability to allow veterans with a disability that has been rated as at least a fifty percent permanent disability to claim the exemption.

UPDATED: May 2, 2021

LAST ACTION: 03/4/2021 | House Committee on State, Civic, Military, & Veterans Affairs
Postpone Indefinitely

SPONSORS: [Rep. S. Sandridge \(R-14\)](#)

SUBJECTS: Fiscal Policy & Taxes; Military & Veterans

SJM21-001

Reaffirming United States Space Command in Colorado

Concerning reaffirming Colorado to be the permanent location for the United States Space Command, and, in connection therewith, urging the Department of Defense to keep the United States Space Command in Colorado.

LAST ACTION: 02/17/2021 | Signed by the Speaker of the House

SPONSORS: [Sen. L. Garcia \(D-3\)](#) | [Sen. B. Gardner \(R-12\)](#) | [Rep. M. Snyder \(D-18\)](#) | [Rep. T. Carver \(R-20\)](#)

SJR21-008

Recognition of African-American Veterans

Concerning recognition of African-American veterans.

LAST ACTION: 04/7/2021 | Signed by the Speaker of the House

SPONSORS: [Sen. R. Fields \(D-29\)](#) | [Sen. J. Buckner \(D-28\)](#) | [Rep. L. Herod \(D-8\)](#) | [Rep. T. Exum \(D-17\)](#)

SJR21-009

76th Anniversary of End of World War II

Concerning honoring Colorado veterans on the seventy-sixth anniversary of the end of World War II.

LAST ACTION: 04/7/2021 | Signed by the Speaker of the House

SPONSORS: [Sen. C. Kolker \(D-27\)](#) | [Sen. L. Liston \(R-10\)](#) | [Rep. M. Young \(D-50\)](#) | [Rep. T. Carver \(R-20\)](#)

SJR21-010

Honoring Gold Star Families

Concerning honoring Gold Star families.

LAST ACTION: 04/7/2021 | Signed by the Speaker of the House

SPONSORS: [Sen. K. Donovan](#) (D-5) | [Sen. R. Woodward](#) (R-15) | [Rep. D. Ortiz](#) (D-38) | [Rep. T. Geitner](#) (R-19)

SJR21-011

Honoring Colorado Vietnam Veterans

Concerning the recognition and remembrance of military veterans in Colorado who served in the Vietnam War.

LAST ACTION: 04/7/2021 | Signed by the Speaker of the House

SPONSORS: [Sen. T. Story](#) (D-16) | [Sen. D. Coram](#) (R-6) | [Rep. T. Sullivan](#) (D-37) | [Rep. M. Catlin](#) (R-58)

SJR21-012

Military, Veterans, And MIA/POW Appreciation Day

Concerning recognition of Military, Veterans, and MIA/POW Appreciation Day.

LAST ACTION: 04/7/2021 | Signed by the Speaker of the House

SPONSORS: [Sen. B. Pettersen](#) (D-22) | [Sen. P. Lundeen](#) (R-9) | [Rep. A. Pico](#) (R-16) | [Rep. D. Michaelson Jenet](#) (D-30)

SJR21-013

U.S.S. Pueblo

Concerning the fifty-third anniversary of the capture of the U.S.S. Pueblo by North Korea.

UPDATED: May 2, 2021

LAST ACTION: 04/7/2021 | Signed by the Speaker of the House

SPONSORS: [Sen. L. Garcia](#) (D-3) | [Sen. C. Simpson](#) (R-35) | [Rep. D. Esgar](#) (D-46) | [Rep. S. Luck](#) (R-47)

SJR21-015

Recognition of Latina and Latino Veterans

Concerning recognition of the contributions of Latina and Latino veterans.

LAST ACTION: 04/7/2021 | Signed by the Speaker of the House

SPONSORS: [Sen. R. Rodriguez](#) (D-32) | [Sen. K. Priola](#) (R-25) | [Rep. A. Valdez](#) (D-5) | [Rep. R. Holtorf](#) (R-64)

SJR21-018

Designate SPC Gabriel David Conde Memorial Highway

Concerning the designation of United States Highway 287 from the intersection of State Highway 66 to the intersection of State Highway 402 as the "SPC Gabriel David Conde Memorial Highway".

LAST ACTION: 04/27/2021 | Senate Third Reading Laid Over to 05/10/2021 - No Amendments

SPONSORS: [Sen. R. Woodward](#) | [Rep. M. Lynch](#)

SJM21-001

Reaffirming United States Space Command in Colorado

Concerning reaffirming Colorado to be the permanent location for the United States Space Command, and, in connection therewith, urging the Department of Defense to keep the United States Space Command in Colorado

LAST ACTION: 02/17/2021 | Signed by the Speaker of the House

UPDATED: May 2, 2021

SPONSORS: [Sen. L. Garcia](#) (D-3) | [Sen. B. Gardner](#) (R-12) | [Rep. M. Snyder](#) (D-18) | [Rep. T. Carver](#) (R-20)