

RISE Delaware Update: Great Victory in Dover today!

We have come a long way! This afternoon, HB 281 and 282 with Rep. Baumbach's amendments passed the House unanimously (with one member absent). It was clear that all of Rep. Baumbach's work on the Democratic side and all of Rep. Ramone's work on the Republican side, despite the opposition lobbying of the Administration, paid off. Both bills now move to the Senate. What a great way for them to arrive in the Senate with a unanimous vote from the House! While obviously the job is not over, a year ago it certainly did not feel like we would be getting to this point.

Rep. Baumbach is introducing additional legislation that will include how to fund retiree healthcare benefits. We will be following that.

Rep. Baumbach has spent many, many hours working on this legislation and talking to colleagues about the importance of his bills. We thank him for his successful efforts! We also thank those stalwart RISE supporters who made the trek to Dover today—it was great to see you and celebrate this victory with you. We will keep you updated as the legislation now moves to the Senate.

Also, on a personal note, it was terrific to see how valued a colleague Senator Peterson is in Legislative Hall as former colleagues, current legislators, and staff members greeted her. There is no doubt that her experience and support for our cause gave us credibility with Delaware General Assembly members.

Thanks again for all your help! We hope for the same success in the Senate!

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