



PARSS Legislative Update

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Budget Deliberations Stall

The General Assembly has delayed a return to Harrisburg signaling that a state budget agreement has not been reached. Both chambers are now scheduled to reconvene on Sunday, but further delays are likely if there is no agreement on a final state budget.

Earlier this week Senate Majority Leader Joe Pittman (R-Indiana) told the Capitol press corps that, "Unless everything is agreed to, nothing's agreed to." More specifically he pointed to education funding, both the amount and how state funds are distributed to schools as a sticking point. There is also no agreement on a state income tax cut proposed by Senate Republicans or any form of state funding for k-12 vouchers.

Both sides of the aisle are still remaining positive, and the negotiations have been couched as "positive." In addition, bills are in place to move quickly once a

compromise can be reached, giving no indication that there will be a long, hot summer in Harrisburg mired in a state budget deadlock.