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LEGISLATIVE ACTION ALERT

Pa. state government employees are asking: Is that early retirement offer going to happen?

The Patriot-News By [Jan Murphy](#) August 16, 2017

An article that appeared in the Patriot News© talked about early retirement. State employees with at least 29 years of service have been waiting with bated breath for word on whether [an early retirement proposal](#) will be part of the 2017-18 budget resolution. According to the article, Gov. Tom Wolf is the one who put the idea in their heads that such an incentive might be forthcoming when he announced it as part of his [February budget address](#).

He is proposing that employees who currently have at least 29 years of service credit would be given the extra years of service needed to retire without penalty and with full benefits. Currently, employees must have at least 35 years of service or have their age and years of service add up to 92 to receive full benefits. The administration estimated 2,000 state employees would be eligible.

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http://www.pennlive.com/politics/index.ssf/2017/06/pa_state_government_employees_1.html

Monday Morning Coffee©

Conservative group pressures Pa. Republican congressmen on tax reform: Monday Morning Coffee

The Patriot-News By [John L. Micek](#) August 14, 2017

(*This post has been updated to reflect AAN's status as an independent expenditure group)

According to the article, a new advertising campaign, launched by the conservative [American](#)

[Action Network](#), calling on two, potentially vulnerable GOP congressmen from the Philly 'burbs

to get behind the currently stalled push for tax reform on Capitol Hill.

[PoliticsPA recently reported](#), the super-PAC is spending \$2.5 million nationally on the TV campaign -- that includes six-figure drops in the districts of **U.S. Reps. Ryan Costello, R-6th District, and Brian Fitzpatrick, R-8th District.**

[According to FactCheck.org](#), the independent expenditure group was founded in 2010 by former **U.S. Sen. Norm Coleman** of Minnesota, and **Rob Collins**, a former top aide to ex-**House Republican Whip Eric Cantor** of Virginia.

Because the group is a 501C(4), it doesn't have to disclose its donors. But its financial backers, according to **FactCheck**, include venture

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capitalist [Kenneth Langone](#) of New York and [Fred Malek](#), of Virginia, who served as a co-chair to **John McCain's** 2008 presidential campaign.

Records [filed with the Federal Election Commission](#) show the PAC spent \$5.6 million during the 2016 campaign cycle.

Costello, who's running for his second term in the always volatile Sixth District, was listed 'likely Republican,' [during a recent round of rankings](#) by political prognosticator Nathan Gonzales.

Fitzpatrick, who's also seeking his second term, had his seat listed 'lean Republican,' by **Gonzales**. **Fitzpatrick** is the brother of former **U.S. Rep. Mike Fitzpatrick, R-8th District**, who opted not to run for re-election in 2016.

House member to announce candidacy for open Senate seat representing York County

The Patriot-News By Jan Murphy August 16, 2017

According to an article from the Patriot News© A two-term incumbent House member intends to formally announce her candidacy on Aug. 29 for the 28th state senatorial district seat [being vacated next year by Scott Wagner who is running for governor.](#)

Rep. [Kristin Phillips-Hill, a Republican](#), said she will make her announcement at the Wise Haven Event Center located at 2985 East Prospect Road, York

Wagner also supports Phillips-Hill's candidacy. "I think she'll be a good candidate. Kristin is a very knowledgeable person and I think it would be a good move for her," he said.

Wagner, whose term expires at the end of next year, announced last year that he would not be seeking re-election to a second four-year term and instead, would vie to become the GOP candidate to take on incumbent Democratic Gov. Tom Wolf.

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