
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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MALONEY, KNOWLES, HELM, MOUL AND MILNE, MAY 6, 2015

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 65 (Public Officers) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in open meetings, further providing
3 for public notice; and providing for notification of agency
4 business required.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Section 709 of Title 65 of the Pennsylvania
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subsection to read:
9 § 709. Public notice.

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11 (c.1) Notification of agency business to be considered.--In
12 addition to any public notice required under this section, an
13 agency shall provide the following notification of agency
14 business to be considered at a public meeting as follows:

15 (1) The agency shall post the agenda, which includes a
16 listing of each matter of agency business that will be or may
17 be the subject of deliberation or official action at the
18 meeting, on its publicly accessible Internet website no later
19 than 24 hours in advance of the time of the convening of the

1 meeting.

2 (2) The agency shall post the agenda, which includes a
3 listing of each matter of agency business that will be or may
4 be the subject of deliberation or official action at the
5 meeting, at the location of the meeting.

6 (3) The agency shall make available to individuals in
7 attendance at the meeting copies of the agenda, which include
8 a listing of each matter of agency business that will be or
9 may be the subject of deliberation or official action at the
10 meeting.

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12 Section 2. Title 65 is amended by adding a section to read:
13 § 712.1. Notification of agency business required.

14 (a) Official action.--Except as provided in subsection (b),
15 an agency may not take official action on a matter of agency
16 business at a meeting if the matter was not included in the
17 notification required under section 709(c.1) (relating to public
18 notice).

19 (b) Emergency business.--An agency may take official action
20 on a matter of agency business relating to a real or potential
21 emergency involving a clear and present danger to life or
22 property at an emergency meeting regardless of whether public
23 notice was given for the meeting.

24 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.