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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

No. 182      Session of  
1975

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Report of the Committee of Conference

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To the Members of the House of Representatives and Senate:

We, the undersigned, Committee of Conference on the part of the House of Representatives and Senate for the purpose of considering House Bill No. 182, entitled:  
"An act amending the act of July 19, 1974 (No.175), entitled 'An act requiring public agencies to hold certain meetings and hearings open to the public and providing penalties,' providing for public notice in case of certain meetings of the General Assembly ~~and excepting meetings of the Ethics Committee of the House of Representatives or the Senate,~~"

respectfully submit the following bill as our report:

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 19, 1974 (No.175), entitled "An act  
2 requiring public agencies to hold certain meetings and  
3 hearings open to the public and providing penalties,"  
4 providing for public notice in case of certain meetings of  
5 the General Assembly and excepting meetings of ethics  
6 committees created pursuant to rules of the House of  
7 Representatives or the Senate.

8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
9 hereby enacts as follows:

10 Section 1. Section 5, act of July 19, 1974 (No.175),  
11 entitled "An act requiring public agencies to hold certain  
12 meetings and hearings open to the public and providing  
13 penalties," is amended by adding a subsection to read:

14 Section 5. \* \* \*

15 (g) Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the  
16 contrary, in case of sessions of the General Assembly, all  
17 meetings of legislative committees to be held within the Capitol  
18 complex where bills are considered, and all legislative hearings  
19 to be held within the Capitol complex where testimony is taken,  
20 the requirement for public notice thereof shall be complied with  
21 if within the time limits prescribed by this section:

22 (1) the Supervisor of the Newsroom of the State Capitol  
23 Building in Harrisburg is supplied for distribution to the  
24 members of the Pennsylvania Legislative Correspondents  
25 Association with a minimum of thirty copies of the notice of the  
26 date, time and place of each session, meeting or hearing:  
27 Provided, That where the prescribed notice has been supplied  
28 containing the specific number of days of a week scheduled for  
29 legislative sessions of the House or Senate, but the House or  
30 Senate thereafter determines to be in a greater number of  
31 session days than that originally scheduled for such week, the

1 public notice requirement for such additional session days shall  
2 be deemed complied with, if the Speaker of the House or  
3 presiding officer of the Senate, as the case may be, makes  
4 public announcement during open meeting of a regularly scheduled  
5 session of the date, time and place of the additional session  
6 day or days and notice is posted as prescribed by this section;  
7 and

8 (2) there is a posting of the copy of such notice at a  
9 public place within the main Capitol building designated by the  
10 Chief Clerk and the Secretary of the Senate.

11 Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, committees may  
12 be called into session in accordance with the provisions of the  
13 rules of the House or the Senate and an announcement by the  
14 Speaker of the House or the presiding officer of the Senate:  
15 Provided, That such announcement is made in open session of the  
16 House or the Senate.

17 Section 2. Section 7 of the act is amended to read:

18 Section 7. For the purpose of this act, meetings of the  
19 Legislature which are covered are as follows: all meetings of  
20 committees where bills are considered, all hearings where  
21 testimony is taken, all sessions of the House of Representatives  
22 and the Senate. Not included in the intent of this act are party  
23 caucuses, nor any meeting of any ethics committee created  
24 pursuant to the rules of the House of Representatives or the  
25 Senate.

26 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.