
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY FISHER, GALLEN, NOYE, SCHEAFFER, POTT, ZORD,
MILANOVICH, PICCOLA, ZELLER, FREIND, SEVENTY, WACHOB,
HELFRICK, MRKONIC, HASAY, LETTERMAN AND D. R. WRIGHT,
FEBRUARY 13, 1979

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, FEBRUARY 14, 1979

AN ACT

1 Prohibiting certain prisoners from participating in training or
2 programs outside correctional facilities and institutions.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. No prisoner in any State or regional penal or
6 correctional institution or facility under the supervision of
7 the Bureau of Corrections who is serving a sentence of life
8 imprisonment or who has been sentenced to death but who has not
9 been executed shall be entitled or allowed to participate in any
10 programs or training outside the correctional facility or
11 institution in which such prisoner is incarcerated.

12 Section 2. Prisoners other than those referred to in section
13 1 and other than those participating in pre-release programs
14 pursuant to the act of July 16, 1968 (P.L.351, No.173), referred
15 to as the Prisoner Pre-release Plan Law shall not be entitled or
16 allowed to participate in any programs or training outside the
17 correctional facility or institution in which they are

1 incarcerated unless express approval is given personally by the
2 Commissioner of Corrections.

3 Section 3. The provisions of sections 1 and 2 do not apply
4 to:

5 (1) The transfer of prisoners to medical facilities for
6 emergency medical treatment.

7 (2) Prisoners assigned to official Bureau of Corrections
8 work details on State-owned property under the supervision of
9 bureau employees.

10 (3) Visits within the confines of the correctional
11 facility or institution in which the prisoner is
12 incarcerated.

13 (4) Prisoners serving life sentences who are being
14 supervised by bureau personnel on at least a one to one basis
15 and who have received written authorization from the
16 sentencing judge for participation in the training or
17 programs outside the correctional institution or facility.
18 Such authorization from the sentencing judge shall be given
19 for each individual release from the institution or facility.

20 Section 4. This act shall take effect in 60 days.