
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, FEBRUARY 25, 2013

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of February 14, 2008 (P.L.6, No.3), entitled
2 "An act providing for access to public information, for a
3 designated open-records officer in each Commonwealth agency,
4 local agency, judicial agency and legislative agency, for
5 procedure, for appeal of agency determination, for judicial
6 review and for the Office of Open Records; imposing
7 penalties; providing for reporting by State-related
8 institutions; requiring the posting of certain State contract
9 information on the Internet; and making related repeals,"
10 further providing for definitions and for regulations and
11 policies.

12 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
13 hereby enacts as follows:

14 Section 1. Section 102 of the act of February 14, 2008
15 (P.L.6, No.3), known as the Right-to-Know Law, is amended by
16 adding a definition to read:

17 Section 102. Definitions.

18 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
19 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
20 context clearly indicates otherwise:

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1 "Employee benefits." Group life, health, hospitalization,
2 medical service and accident insurance benefits, paid in whole
3 or in part by an agency and offered generally to employees of
4 the agency. The term includes payments made in lieu of the
5 specified benefits.

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7 Section 2. Section 504 of the act is amended to read:

8 Section 504. Regulations and policies.

9 (a) Authority.--An agency may promulgate regulations and
10 policies necessary for the agency to implement this act. The
11 Office of Open Records may promulgate regulations relating to
12 appeals involving a Commonwealth agency or local agency.

13 (b) Posting.--The following information shall be posted at
14 each agency and, if the agency maintains an Internet website, on
15 the agency's Internet website:

16 (1) Contact information for the open-records officer.

17 (2) Contact information for the Office of Open Records
18 or other applicable appeals officer.

19 (3) A form which may be used to file a request.

20 (4) Regulations, policies and procedures of the agency
21 relating to this act.

22 (c) Local agency posting.--

23 (1) In addition to the information that is required to
24 be posted under subsection (b), a local agency that maintains
25 an Internet website shall post on its Internet website, for
26 each employee of the agency:

27 (i) The salary, wages or other compensation paid to
28 the employee.

29 (ii) The cost of providing the employee with
30 employee benefits. Cost information shall be segregated

1 by the type of employee benefit provided.

2 (2) In the case of a local agency that does not maintain
3 an Internet website, the agency shall, at least once each
4 calendar year, publish the information enumerated in
5 paragraph (1) in a newspaper of general circulation or a
6 newsletter or other document disseminated to all households
7 within the jurisdiction of the agency.

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