
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1077 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY VOGEL, EICHELBERGER, TEPLITZ, RAFFERTY, WHITE,
WAGNER, VULAKOVICH AND WARD, DECEMBER 11, 2015

REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, DECEMBER 11, 2015

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in wiretapping and electronic
3 surveillance, further providing for exceptions to prohibition
4 of interception and disclosure of communications.

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

7 Section 1. Section 5704(18) of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

9 § 5704. Exceptions to prohibition of interception and
10 disclosure of communications.

11 It shall not be unlawful and no prior court approval shall be
12 required under this chapter for:

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14 (18) A person to intercept oral communications for
15 disciplinary or security purposes on a school bus or school
16 vehicle, as those terms are defined in 75 Pa.C.S. § 102
17 (relating to definitions), if all of the following conditions
18 are met:

19 (i) The school board has adopted a policy that

1 authorizes audio interception on school buses or school
2 vehicles for disciplinary or security purposes.

3 (ii) Each school year, the school board [notifies
4 students and their parents or guardians of the policy, by
5 letter mailed to the students' home addresses.] includes
6 the policy in a student handbook and in any other
7 publication of the school entity that sets forth the
8 comprehensive rules, procedures and standards of conduct
9 for the school entity.

10 (iii) The school board posts a notice that students
11 may be audiotaped, which notice is clearly visible on
12 each school bus or school vehicle that is furnished with
13 audio-recording equipment.

14 This paragraph shall not apply when a school bus or school
15 vehicle is used for a purpose that is not school related.

16 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.