

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE BILL

## No. 1661

Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY MESSRS. FISHER, MRKONIC, CAPUTO, LETTERMAN,  
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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, MARCH 14, 1978

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## 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

1 correctional facility or institution in which they are  
2 incarcerated unless express approval is given personally by the  
3 Commissioner of Corrections.

4 ~~Section 3. The provisions of sections 1 and 2 do not apply~~ <—  
5 ~~to the transfer of prisoners to medical facilities for emergency~~  
6 ~~medical treatment.~~

7 SECTION 3. THE PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS 1 AND 2 DO NOT APPLY <—  
8 TO:

9 (1) THE TRANSFER OF PRISONERS TO MEDICAL FACILITIES FOR  
10 EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT.

11 (2) PRISONERS ASSIGNED TO OFFICIAL BUREAU OF CORRECTIONS  
12 WORK DETAILS ON STATE-OWNED PROPERTY UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF  
13 BUREAU EMPLOYEES.

14 (3) VISITS WITHIN THE CONFINES OF THE CORRECTIONAL  
15 FACILITY OR INSTITUTION IN WHICH THE PRISONER IS  
16 INCARCERATED.

17 (4) PRISONERS SERVING LIFE SENTENCES WHO ARE BEING  
18 SUPERVISED BY BUREAU PERSONNEL ON AT LEAST A ONE TO ONE BASIS  
19 AND WHO HAVE RECEIVED WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION FROM THE  
20 SENTENCING JUDGE FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE TRAINING OR  
21 PROGRAMS OUTSIDE THE CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION OR FACILITY.  
22 SUCH AUTHORIZATION FROM THE SENTENCING JUDGE SHALL BE GIVEN  
23 FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL RELEASE FROM THE INSTITUTION OR FACILITY.

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