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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

No. 327

Session of  
1975

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INTRODUCED BY GLEASON, ENGLEHART, MANDERINO AND WILSON,  
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, FEBRUARY 10, 1975

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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 certain executive sessions.

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

7 Section 1. Section 3, act of July 19, 1974 (No.175),  
8 entitled "An act requiring public agencies to hold certain  
9 meetings and hearings open to the public and providing  
10 penalties," is amended by adding a clause to read:

11 Section 3. No public meeting of any agency shall be  
12 adjourned, begun, recessed or interrupted in any way for the  
13 purpose of an executive session except as hereinafter provided.  
14 An executive session may be held during the course of a properly  
15 constituted public meeting upon notification to the public  
16 present by the presiding officer that for a period not to exceed  
17 thirty minutes the meeting will be in recess for the purpose of:

18 (1) Considering dismissal or disciplining of, or hearing  
19 complaints or charges brought against a public elected officer,

1 employee, or other public agent unless such person requests a  
2 public hearing.

3 (2) Considering actions of the deliberating body with  
4 respect to labor negotiations.

5 (3) Receiving evidence or testimony at a meeting of any  
6 committee of the General Assembly when such evidence or  
7 testimony may tend to defame, degrade or incriminate any person.  
8 No evidence or testimony taken in an executive session under  
9 this clause may be released or used in public sessions without  
10 the consent of the committee.

11 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.