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C. WILLIAMS AND YOUNGBLOOD, FEBRUARY 5, 2001

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, FEBRUARY 5, 2001

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled
2 "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the
3 executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the
4 Executive Department thereof and the administrative
5 departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof,
6 including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or
7 Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or
8 authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative
9 departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and
10 duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative
11 officers, and of the several administrative departments,
12 boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the
13 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive
14 and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of
15 certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and
16 other assistants and employees in certain departments, boards,
17 and commissions; and prescribing the manner in which the
18 number and compensation of the deputies and all other
19 assistants and employees of certain departments, boards and
20 commissions shall be determined," further providing for the
21 collection of information on crimes relating to disability,
22 ancestry and sexual orientation.

23 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
24 hereby enacts as follows:

25 Section 1. Section 710(i) of the act of April 9, 1929
26 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929,

1 amended October 3, 1986 (P.L.1414, No.129), is amended to read:

2 Section 710. Pennsylvania State Police.--The Pennsylvania
3 State Police shall have the power and its duty shall be:

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5 (i) To collect information relating to crimes and incidents
6 related to the actual or perceived race, color, religion [or],
7 national origin, disability, ancestry or sexual orientation of
8 individuals or groups, which shall be reported monthly by all
9 local law enforcement agencies and the State Fire Marshal. Any
10 information, records and statistics collected in accordance with
11 this subsection shall be available for use by any agency
12 required to furnish information, to the extent that such
13 information is reasonably necessary or useful to such agency in
14 carrying out the duties imposed on it by law. The Commissioner
15 of the Pennsylvania State Police may, by regulation, establish
16 such conditions for the use or availability of such information
17 as may be necessary to its preservation, the protection of
18 confidential information, or the circumstances of a pending
19 prosecution.

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