

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## HOUSE BILL

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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, JUNE 12, 2001

## AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 21, 1957 (P.L.390, No.212), entitled  
2 "An act requiring certain records of the Commonwealth and its  
3 political subdivisions and of certain authorities and other  
4 agencies performing essential governmental functions, to be  
5 open for examination and inspection by citizens of the  
6 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; authorizing such citizens under  
7 certain conditions to make extracts, copies, photographs or  
8 photostats of such records; and providing for appeals to the  
9 courts of common pleas," further defining "public record" to  
10 exclude ~~certain addresses of employees of the Department of~~ <—  
11 ~~Corrections, the Board of Probation and Parole and the Board~~  
12 ~~of Pardons.~~ ADDRESSES OF JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION OFFICERS. <—

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

15 Section 1. Section 1(2) of the act of June 21, 1957  
16 (P.L.390, No.212), referred to as the Right-to-Know Law, amended  
17 June 17, 1971 (P.L.160, No.9), is amended AND THE SECTION IS <—  
18 AMENDED BY ADDING A DEFINITION to read:

19 Section 1. In this act the following terms shall have the  
20 following meanings:

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1        (1.1) "JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION OFFICER." ANY EMPLOYE OF THE <—  
2        COURTS OF THIS COMMONWEALTH, A STATE OR LOCAL INVESTIGATIVE OR  
3        LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS,  
4        PENNSYLVANIA BOARD OF PROBATION AND PAROLE, BOARD OF PARDONS,  
5        COUNTY PROBATION AND PAROLE OFFICE, STATE OR LOCAL CORRECTIONS  
6        FACILITY, DETENTION CENTER OR MENTAL HOSPITAL.

7        (2) "Public Record." Any account, voucher or contract  
8        dealing with the receipt or disbursement of funds by an agency  
9        or its acquisition, use or disposal of services or of supplies,  
10       materials, equipment or other property and any minute, order or  
11       decision by an agency fixing the personal or property rights,  
12       privileges, immunities, duties or obligations of any person or  
13       group of persons: Provided, That the term "public records" shall  
14       not mean any report, communication or other paper, the  
15       publication of which would disclose the institution, progress or  
16       result of an investigation undertaken by an agency in the  
17       performance of its official duties, except those reports filed  
18       by agencies pertaining to safety and health in industrial  
19       plants; it shall not include any record, document, material,  
20       exhibit, pleading, report, memorandum or other paper, access to  
21       or the publication of which is prohibited, restricted or  
22       forbidden by statute law or order or decree of court, or which  
23       would operate to the prejudice or impairment of a person's  
24       reputation or personal security, or which would disclose the

25       home address, voting residence or county of residence of an <—  
26       employe of the Department of Corrections, the Board of Probation  
27       and Parole, the Board of Pardons or of a county prison or jail,

28       A JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION OFFICER, or which would result in the <—  
29       loss by the Commonwealth or any of its political subdivisions or  
30       commissions or State or municipal authorities of Federal funds,

1 excepting therefrom however the record of any conviction for any  
2 criminal act.

3 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.