

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2551 Session of 2022

INTRODUCED BY BULLOCK, FRANKEL, CEPHAS, SANCHEZ AND DALEY,  
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND INDUSTRY, APRIL 26, 2022

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 24, 1968 (P.L.237, No.111), entitled  
2 "An act specifically authorizing collective bargaining  
3 between policemen and firemen and their public employers;  
4 providing for arbitration in order to settle disputes, and  
5 requiring compliance with collective bargaining agreements  
6 and findings of arbitrators," further providing for powers  
7 and procedures regarding arbitration.

8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
9 hereby enacts as follows:

10 Section 1. Section 6 of the act of June 24, 1968 (P.L.237,  
11 No.111), referred to as the Policemen and Firemen Collective  
12 Bargaining Act, is amended to read:

13 Section 6. (a) Each of the arbitrators selected in  
14 accordance with section 4 [hereof] shall have the power to  
15 administer oaths and compel the attendance of witnesses and  
16 physical evidence by subpoena.

17 (b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (c), a  
18 hearing at which evidence of record is presented by a party or  
19 witness under this act shall be open to the public. The  
20 following shall apply:

1 (1) All documents and evidence of record submitted by a  
2 party at the public hearing shall be public records subject to  
3 disclosure under the act of February 14, 2008 (P.L.6, No.3),  
4 known as the Right-to-Know Law.

5 (2) A stenographic recording of the public hearing shall be  
6 made.

7 (c) Subsection (b) shall not apply to:

8 (1) A bargaining session between the parties conducted  
9 before the hearing.

10 (2) An executive session.

11 (3) Other meetings between the arbitrators conducted before,  
12 during or after the hearing.

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