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Senate of Pennsylvania

January 21, 2011

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Senators
FROM:  Senator Lisa Baker
SUBJECT: Dangerous Weapon Legislation

I plan to re-introduce Senate Bill 259 from last session which amends Section 913 (f) of Title 18 further providing for the definition of a dangerous weapon in a court facility. The co-sponsors of Senate Bill 259 were Senators Washington, Orié, Erickson, Tartaglione, Rafferty, Musto, Hughes, Logan, Wozniak and Fontana.

This bill would add any knife, cutting instrument, cutting tool, nunchaku and any other tool, instrument or implement capable of causing serious bodily injury to the definition of dangerous weapon under this section.

This language is in response to an incident which occurred at the Pike County courthouse whereby an individual slit his wrist with a box cutter but could not be charged under the current definition.

If you wish to co-sponsor this proposal, please contact Liz Clancy at LClancy@pasen.gov or by phone at 787-7428.

Thank you.