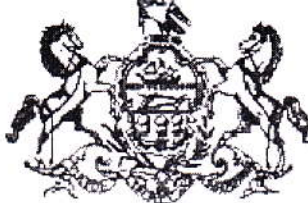


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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Members of the House of Representatives

FROM: Representative Cherelle L. Parker

DATE: June 23, 2011

SUBJECT: Proposed Legislation – Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA) and Allegheny County Port Authority Police

In the near future, I will be introducing legislation that would provide Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA) and Port Authority of Allegheny County police officers the right to binding arbitration and would eliminate their ability to strike.

Currently, SEPTA and Port Authority officers are permitted to collectively bargain and maintain the right to go on strike should a collective bargaining impasse occur. My legislation seeks to provide the same binding arbitration rights to these officers that are currently granted to similar safety officers, including state and local police, firefighters, prison and state hospital guards, and court officers. Officers who are granted binding arbitration rights are prohibited from striking as well as from inclusion in collective bargaining units with other classifications of employees.

I firmly believe this legislation is in the best interest of public safety and consumers of the SEPTA and Port Authority transit systems, and I hope you will join me in sponsoring this important measure.

If you would like to be added as a co-sponsor, please contact Germaine Brown in my office, via email at gbrown@pahouse.net or phone 783-2178.