

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in wiretapping and electronic
3 surveillance, further providing for exceptions to prohibition
4 of interception and disclosure of communications.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Section 5704 of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a paragraph to read:

9 § 5704. Exceptions to prohibition of interception and
10 disclosure of communications.

11 It shall not be unlawful and no prior court approval shall be
12 required under this chapter for:

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14 (18) A person to intercept oral communications for
15 disciplinary or security purposes on a school bus or school
16 vehicle, as those terms are defined in 75 Pa.C.S. § 102
17 (relating to definitions), if all of the following conditions
18 are met:

1 (i) The school board has adopted a policy that
2 authorizes audio interception on school buses or school
3 vehicles for disciplinary or security purposes.

4 (ii) Each school year, the school board notifies
5 students and their parents or guardians of the policy.

6 (iii) The school board posts a notice that students
7 may be audiotaped, which notice is clearly visible on
8 each school bus or school vehicle that is furnished with
9 audio-recording equipment.

10 This paragraph shall not apply when a school bus or school
11 vehicle is used for a purpose that is not school related.

12 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.