THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AN ACT

- 1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
- 2 Consolidated Statutes, in criminal history record
- information, further providing for the definition of
- "criminal justice agency"; defining "protected information";
- and further providing for information in central repository
- or automated systems.
- 7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 8 hereby enacts as follows:
- 9 Section 1. The definition of "criminal justice agency" in
- 10 section 9102 of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
- 11 Statutes is amended and the section is amended by adding a
- 12 definition to read:
- 13 § 9102. Definitions.
- 14 The following words and phrases when used in this chapter
- 15 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
- 16 context clearly indicates otherwise:
- 17 * * *
- "Criminal justice agency." Any court, including the minor
- 19 judiciary, with criminal jurisdiction or any other governmental
- 20 agency, or subunit thereof, created by statute or by the State

- 1 or Federal constitutions, specifically authorized to perform as
- 2 its principal function the administration of criminal justice,
- 3 and which allocates a substantial portion of its annual budget
- 4 to such function. Criminal justice agencies include, but are not
- 5 limited to: organized State and municipal police departments,
- 6 local detention facilities, county, regional and State
- 7 correctional facilities, probation agencies, district or
- 8 prosecuting attorneys, parole boards, pardon boards, the
- 9 facilities and administrative offices of the Department of
- 10 Public Welfare that provide care, guidance and control to
- 11 adjudicated delinquents, and such agencies or subunits thereof,
- 12 as are declared by the Attorney General to be criminal justice
- 13 agencies as determined by a review of applicable statutes and
- 14 the State and Federal Constitutions or both. The term shall not
- 15 include individuals who have not complied with or received a
- 16 waiver under 53 Pa.C.S. § 2167 (relating to police training).
- 17 * * *
- 18 <u>"Protected information." Intelligence information,</u>
- 19 investigative information and treatment information.
- 20 * * *
- 21 Section 2. Section 9106(a) of Title 18 is amended to read:
- 22 § 9106. Information in central repository or automated systems.
- 23 (a) General rule.--
- 24 (1) Intelligence information, investigative information
- 25 and treatment information shall not be collected in the
- 26 central repository. This prohibition shall not preclude the
- 27 collection in the central repository of names, words,
- numbers, phrases or other similar index keys to serve as
- 29 indices to investigative reports.
- 30 (2) Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c), only

- 1 <u>individuals that have complied with the provisions of or</u>
- 2 received a waiver under 53 Pa.C.S. § 2167 (relating to police
- 3 <u>training</u>) or an equivalent shall have access to protected
- 4 <u>information</u>.
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- 6 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.