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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY ITKIN, GEISLER, CAPUTO, ROMANELLI, FLAHERTY,  
ABRAHAM AND COWELL, JANUARY 27, 1975

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, JANUARY 27, 1975

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 19, 1974 (No.175), entitled "An act  
2 requiring public agencies to hold certain meetings and  
3 hearings open to the public and providing penalties,"  
4 providing for additional coverage.

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

7 Section 1. Section 1 of the act of July 19, 1974 (No.175),  
8 entitled "An act requiring public agencies to hold certain  
9 meetings and hearings open to the public and providing  
10 penalties," is amended to read:

11 Section 1. As used in this act:

12 "Agency" means any branch, department, board, authority or  
13 commission of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, any political  
14 subdivision of the Commonwealth, or any State, municipal,  
15 township or school authority, school board, school governing  
16 body, commission, the board of trustees of all State-aided  
17 colleges and universities, the board of trustees of all State-  
18 owned and State-related colleges and universities and all  
19 community colleges, or similar organization created by or

1 pursuant to a statute which declares in substance that the  
2 organization performs or has for its purpose the performance of  
3 an essential governmental function: Provided, That the term  
4 "agency" shall include the courts of common pleas when  
5 appointing members of boards of education and boards of viewers,  
6 the General Assembly, or any State department, board, authority  
7 or commission to include the Governor's cabinet when meeting on  
8 official policy making business.

9 "Formal action" means the taking of any vote on any  
10 resolution, rule, order, motion, regulation or ordinance or the  
11 setting of any official policy. Meetings, pre-trial conferences,  
12 hearings, and formal action by the judiciary or judicial branch  
13 shall not be subject to the provisions of this act.

14 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.