

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY O'CONNELL, CORMAN, ANDREZESKI, EARLY, MESSINGER  
AND PECORA, MARCH 31, 1981

REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, MARCH 31, 1981

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled  
2 "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the  
3 executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the  
4 Executive Department thereof and the administrative  
5 departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof,  
6 including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or  
7 Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or  
8 authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative  
9 departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and  
10 duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative  
11 officers, and of the several administrative departments,  
12 boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the  
13 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive  
14 and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of  
15 certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and  
16 other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards,  
17 and commissions; and prescribing the manner in which the  
18 number and compensation of the deputies and all other  
19 assistants and employes of certain departments, boards and  
20 commissions shall be determined," changing the name of the  
21 Capitol Police, Commonwealth Property Police and the Campus  
22 Police and extending protection to the Scranton Office  
23 Building.

24 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
25 hereby enacts as follows:

26 Section 1. Clause (b) of section 2402, act of April 9, 1929  
27 (P.L.177, No.175), known as "The Administrative Code of 1929,"  
28 amended March 28, 1961 (P.L.66, No.25), is amended to read:

1 Section 2402. Grounds, Buildings and Monuments in General.--  
2 The Department of General Services shall have the power, and its  
3 duty shall be:

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5 (b) To [employ such captains, sergeants of police, and  
6 police officers,] establish such protective force as may be  
7 necessary to preserve good order in the Capitol grounds and  
8 buildings, Pittsburgh State Office Building and grounds,  
9 Philadelphia State Office Building and grounds[, and fix their  
10 compensation and their hours of employment, which shall not be  
11 spread over more than five days in any one week except in  
12 emergency] and Scranton State Office Building and grounds:  
13 Provided, however, That the number and compensation of such  
14 [captains, sergeants and officers] protective force shall be  
15 subject to the approval of the Governor. Such [captains,  
16 sergeants and officers] protective force shall be known as the  
17 Capitol Police [and Commonwealth Property Police].

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19 Section 2. Section 2416 of the act, amended September 28,  
20 1965 (P.L.553, No.287) and September 27, 1978 (P.L.775, No.149),  
21 is amended to read:

22 Section 2416. Capitol Police[, Commonwealth Property Police]  
23 and Campus [Police] Security Department.--The Capitol Police,  
24 [Commonwealth Property Police] to the extent deemed necessary by  
25 the Secretary of General Services, and the Campus Security [or  
26 Campus Police] Departments of all State colleges and  
27 universities, to the extent deemed necessary by the Secretary of  
28 Education, State aided or related colleges and universities and  
29 community colleges shall have the power[, and their duty shall  
30 be]:

(a) To enforce good order in State buildings and on State grounds in Dauphin County, in the Pittsburgh State Office Building and the grounds, in the Philadelphia State Office Building and the grounds, in the Scranton State Office Building and the grounds, and in the grounds and buildings of all State colleges and universities, State aided or related colleges and universities and community colleges;

(b) To protect the property of the Commonwealth in State grounds and buildings in Dauphin County, in the Pittsburgh State Office Building and grounds, in the Philadelphia State Office Building and grounds, in the Scranton State Office Building and grounds, and in the grounds and buildings of all State colleges and universities, State aided or related colleges and universities and community colleges;

(c) To exclude all disorderly persons from the premises of the State Capitol, State buildings in Dauphin County, the Pittsburgh State Office Building, [and] the Philadelphia State Office Building, and the Scranton State Office Building and from the grounds and buildings of all State colleges and universities, State aided or related colleges and universities and community colleges;

[(d) In the performance of their duties, to adopt whatever means may be necessary;]

(e) To exercise, to the extent deemed necessary by the Secretary of General Services in the case of Capitol Police, and the Secretary of Education in the case of the security departments of all State colleges and universities, the same powers as are now or may hereafter be exercised under authority of law or ordinance by the police of the cities of Harrisburg, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia and Scranton, municipalities in

1 Dauphin County wherein State buildings are located and in  
2 municipalities wherein said colleges, universities and community  
3 colleges are located;

4 (g) To order off said grounds and out of said buildings all  
5 vagrants, loafers, trespassers, and persons under the influence  
6 of liquor, and, if necessary, remove them by force, and, in case  
7 of resistance, carry such offenders before an alderman, justice  
8 of the peace or magistrate and

9 (h) To arrest any person who shall damage, mutilate or  
10 destroy the trees, plants, shrubbery, turf, grass-plots,  
11 benches, buildings or structures, or commit any other offense  
12 within State buildings on State grounds in Dauphin County, the  
13 Pittsburgh State Office Building and grounds, [and] the  
14 Philadelphia State Office Building and grounds, and the Scranton  
15 State Office Building and grounds, the Executive Mansion, and  
16 the grounds and buildings of all State colleges and  
17 universities, State aided or related colleges and universities  
18 and community colleges, and carry the offender before the proper  
19 alderman, justice of the peace or magistrate and prefer charges  
20 against him under the laws of the Commonwealth.

21 [Security and Campus Police] Campus Security Departments  
22 shall exercise their powers [and perform their duties] only on  
23 the premises of the State colleges and universities, State aided  
24 or related colleges and universities and community colleges by  
25 or for which they are employed and only after they have  
26 completed a course of training including crisis intervention  
27 training and riot control as approved by the Department of  
28 Education except, that [Campus Police] members of Campus  
29 Security Departments employed by State owned colleges and  
30 universities located in any municipalities, other than cities of

1 the first class or second class, are authorized, in emergency  
2 situations occurring within the municipality, upon the request  
3 of the mayor or other executive authority and under the  
4 direction of the local law enforcement authorities, to exercise  
5 those powers [and perform those duties] conferred pursuant to  
6 this section within the municipality for the limited purpose of  
7 aiding local authorities in emergency situations. When so  
8 acting, the [Campus Police] members of the Campus Security  
9 Departments shall be acting within the scope of the authority of  
10 this act and are, at all times, State employes of this  
11 Commonwealth and entitled to all the rights and benefits  
12 accruing therefrom.

13 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.