

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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JANUARY 25, 1995

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JANUARY 25, 1995

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 21, 1957 (P.L.390, No.212), entitled
2 "An act requiring certain records of the Commonwealth and its
3 political subdivisions and of certain authorities and other
4 agencies performing essential governmental functions, to be
5 open for examination and inspection by citizens of the
6 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; authorizing such citizens under
7 certain conditions to make extracts, copies, photographs or
8 photostats of such records; and providing for appeals to the
9 courts of common pleas," adding certain educational
10 institutions to the definition of "agency."

11 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
12 hereby enacts as follows:

13 Section 1. Section 1(1) of the act of June 21, 1957
14 (P.L.390, No.212), referred to as the Right-to-Know Law, is
15 amended to read:

16 Section 1. In this act the following terms shall have the
17 following meanings:

18 (1) "Agency." Any department, board or commission of the
19 executive branch of the Commonwealth, any political subdivision
20 of the Commonwealth, the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, or

1 any State or municipal authority or similar organization created
2 by or pursuant to a statute which declares in substance that
3 such organization performs or has for its purpose the
4 performance of an essential governmental function. The term
5 shall include: Lincoln University; The Pennsylvania State
6 University; the University of Pittsburgh; Temple University; the
7 State System of Higher Education and all of its member
8 institutions; all community colleges; and all technical
9 institutes established under Article XIX-A of the act of March
10 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the "Public School Code of
11 1949."

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13 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.