

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 124 Session of 1997

INTRODUCED BY READSHAW, MAYERNIK, ORIE, SAINATO, GORDNER, WALKO, BELARDI, SHANER, DERMODY, BROWNE, MARKOSEK, TANGRETTI, MELIO, KELLER, HALUSKA, DALEY, ITKIN, RAMOS, PISTELLA, STABACK, BOSCOLA, ROONEY, BELFANTI, GIGLIOTTI, COLAFELLA, JAROLIN, OLASZ, COY AND LAUGHLIN, JANUARY 29, 1997

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JANUARY 29, 1997

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," further providing for one-
 21 dial phone system at State correctional institutions.

22 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
 23 hereby enacts as follows:

24 Section 1. Section 901-B of the act of April 9, 1929
 25 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929,
 26 added December 30, 1984 (P.L.1299, No.245), is amended to read:

1 Section 901-B. General Powers and Duties of the
2 Department.--(a) The Department of Corrections, which is hereby
3 established as an administrative department, shall have the
4 powers and duties granted to and imposed upon it by this article
5 and by any other statutory provisions. In addition, the
6 Department and Secretary of Corrections shall have all the
7 powers and duties granted to and imposed upon the former Bureau
8 and Commissioner of Correction prior to the effective date of
9 this article and shall also have all the powers and duties
10 formerly vested in and exercised by the General Counsel and the
11 Office of General Counsel insofar as such powers and duties
12 related to the administration, management and supervision of
13 penal and correctional facilities, programs and services.

14 (b) The Department of Corrections shall establish at all
15 State correctional institutions a one-dial phone system to alert
16 all law enforcement agencies, schools and news media within the
17 county, and other agencies which the Department of Corrections
18 determines should receive the information, whenever a breach of
19 prison confines occurs. The term "one-dial phone system" shall
20 mean a computerized telephone system which, upon the dialing of
21 a single number by a prison official, automatically causes the
22 placing of telephone calls to all agencies predetermined to
23 receive a prison-breach alert.

24 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 90 days.