

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 976 Session of 2007

INTRODUCED BY BENNINGTON, GEORGE, READSHAW, DePASQUALE, BOYD, CALTAGIRONE, FREEMAN, HORNAMAN, PETRONE, PAYNE, McCALL, MARKOSEK, COX, GEIST, JOSEPHS, YOUNGBLOOD, SHAPIRO, VULAKOVICH, R. STEVENSON, SCAVELLO, R. TAYLOR, WALKO, WAGNER, SIPTROTH, PALLONE, MAHER, SONNEY, ROSS, STURLA AND KORTZ, MARCH 29, 2007

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, MARCH 29, 2007

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 10, 1968 (P.L.1158, No.365),
 2 entitled "An act creating and establishing the Legislative
 3 Data Processing Committee: providing for its membership;
 4 prescribing its powers, functions and duties; and making an
 5 appropriation," directing the committee to provide limited
 6 public access to statutes in computer information systems.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
 8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. Section 2(1.2) of the act of December 10, 1968
 10 (P.L.1158, No.365), entitled "An act creating and establishing
 11 the Legislative Data Processing Committee: providing for its
 12 membership; prescribing its powers, functions and duties; and
 13 making an appropriation," amended May 7, 1998 (P.L.352, No.55),
 14 is amended to read:

15 Section 2. The committee shall have the following powers and
 16 duties:

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18 (1.2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1.1), to [provide]:

1 (i) Provide access to information relating to bills,
2 legislative histories and session calendars to the Governor's
3 Office, the Office of Attorney General, the Auditor General, the
4 State Treasurer, the heads of other departments and such other
5 offices within State government as the committee, with the
6 approval of the Senate Committee on Management Operations and
7 the Bi-partisan Management Committee of the House of
8 Representatives, shall determine.

9 (ii) Provide open web-based access for the public to the
10 statutes of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania residing in its
11 computer information systems.

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13 Section 2. Public access to the statutes of the Commonwealth
14 of Pennsylvania shall be available on and after January 1, 2008.

15 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.