
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY DePASQUALE, CONKLIN, BLOOM, BRIGGS, CALTAGIRONE,
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KORTZ, METZGAR, MIRABITO, MUNDY, MURPHY, PARKER, READSHAW,
SABATINA, SACCONI, SAMUELSON, SCHRODER, SHAPIRO, VULAKOVICH,
WATSON, WHITE AND KOTIK, DECEMBER 6, 2011

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, DECEMBER 6, 2011

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of February 14, 2008 (P.L.6, No.3), entitled
2 "An act providing for access to public information, for a
3 designated open-records officer in each Commonwealth agency,
4 local agency, judicial agency and legislative agency, for
5 procedure, for appeal of agency determination, for judicial
6 review and for the Office of Open Records; imposing
7 penalties; providing for reporting by State-related
8 institutions; requiring the posting of certain State contract
9 information on the Internet; and making related repeals,"
10 further defining "Commonwealth agency."

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

13 Section 1. The definition of "Commonwealth agency" in
14 section 102 of the act of February 14, 2008 (P.L.6, No.3), known
15 as the Right-to-Know Law, is amended to read:

16 Section 102. Definitions.

17 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
18 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
19 context clearly indicates otherwise:

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1 "Commonwealth agency." Any of the following:

2 (1) Any office, department, authority, board, multistate
3 agency or commission of the executive branch, an independent
4 agency [and], a State-affiliated entity and a State-related
5 institution. The term includes:

6 (i) The Governor's Office.

7 (ii) The Office of Attorney General, the Department
8 of the Auditor General and the Treasury Department.

9 (iii) An organization established by the
10 Constitution of Pennsylvania, a statute or an executive
11 order which performs or is intended to perform an
12 essential governmental function.

13 (2) The term does not include a judicial or legislative
14 agency.

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