
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2109 Session of
2014

INTRODUCED BY HARPER, TOEPEL, HICKERNELL, LAWRENCE, M. K. KELLER
AND DENLINGER, MARCH 18, 2014

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND INDUSTRY, MARCH 18, 2014

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 23, 1970 (P.L.563, No.195), entitled
2 "An act establishing rights in public employes to organize
3 and bargain collectively through selected representatives;
4 defining public employes to include employes of nonprofit
5 organizations and institutions; providing compulsory
6 mediation and fact-finding, for collective bargaining
7 impasses; providing arbitration for certain public employes
8 for collective bargaining impasses; defining the scope of
9 collective bargaining; establishing unfair employe and
10 employer practices; prohibiting strikes for certain public
11 employes; permitting strikes under limited conditions;
12 providing penalties for violations; and establishing
13 procedures for implementation," barring strikes by employees
14 of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority.

15 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
16 hereby enacts as follows:

17 Section 1. Section 1001 of the act of July 23, 1970
18 (P.L.563, No.195), known as the Public Employe Relations Act, is
19 amended to read:

20 Section 1001. Strikes by employes of the Southeastern
21 Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA), guards at prisons
22 or mental hospitals, or employes directly involved with and
23 necessary to the functioning of the courts of this Commonwealth
24 are prohibited at any time. If a strike occurs the public

1 employer shall forthwith initiate in the court of common pleas
2 of the jurisdiction where the strike occurs, an action for
3 appropriate equitable relief including but not limited to
4 injunctions. If the strike involves Commonwealth employes, the
5 chief legal officer of the public employer or the Attorney
6 General where required by law shall institute an action for
7 equitable relief, either in the court of common pleas of the
8 jurisdiction where the strike has occurred or the Commonwealth
9 Court.

10 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.