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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

No. 1894 Session of  
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B. MILLER, ROEBUCK, RYAN AND TOOHL, OCTOBER 26, 2017

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, OCTOBER 26, 2017

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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," in  
10 judicial review, providing for criminal penalty.

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

13 Section 1. The act of February 14, 2008 (P.L.6, No.3), known  
14 as the Right-to-Know Law, is amended by adding a section to  
15 read:

16 Section 1305.1. Criminal penalty.

17 (a) Offense defined.--A person commits an offense if the  
18 person intentionally and unlawfully alters, destroys, conceals,  
19 removes or otherwise impairs the verity or availability of any  
20 record for which a request has been made under this act.

21 (b) Grading.--An offense under this section is a felony of  
22 the third degree.

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