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AN ACT

1 Establishing the Magisterial and Legislative District Office  
2 Safety Assessment Act.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. Safety assessment.

6 Within one calendar year of the effective date of this  
7 section, a safety assessment shall be conducted for each  
8 magisterial district court office and legislative district  
9 office in this Commonwealth by a law enforcement officer who has  
10 received a certification in physical security training from the  
11 United States Department of Homeland Security. This requirement  
12 shall also apply to each new location that is leased to serve as  
13 a magisterial district court office or legislative district  
14 office in this Commonwealth one calendar year after the  
15 effective date of this section.

16 Section 2. Safety assessment audit requirements.

17 The safety assessment shall include at a minimum a written

1 analysis of the following:

2 (1) The physical safety of the office structure and  
3 security measures currently in place.

4 (2) The measures that can be taken to enhance protection  
5 of the offices, its employees, other occupants and the  
6 structure itself, including supporting information  
7 documenting the validity of the measures and, where possible,  
8 the cost estimates.

9 (3) Safety policy recommendations that may include staff  
10 training requirements in de-escalation tactics, threat  
11 assessments or other safety procedures.

12 (4) An analysis of the coordination of local emergency  
13 services specifically related to the office, its staff and  
14 occupants.

15 Section 3. Effective Date.

16 This act shall take effect in 60 days.