THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL No. 504 Session of 2017

INTRODUCED BY MARTIN, AUMENT, EICHELBERGER, SCARNATI, SCAVELLO, HUTCHINSON, WAGNER, FOLMER, STEFANO AND WHITE, MARCH 16, 2017

REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, MARCH 16, 2017

AN ACT

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11	Amending the act of February 14, 2008 (P.L.6, No.3), entitled "An act providing for access to public information, for a designated open-records officer in each Commonwealth agency, local agency, judicial agency and legislative agency, for procedure, for appeal of agency determination, for judicial review and for the Office of Open Records; imposing penalties; providing for reporting by State-related institutions; requiring the posting of certain State contract information on the Internet; and making related repeals," in procedure, further providing for exceptions for public records.
12	The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
13	hereby enacts as follows:
14	Section 1. Section 708(b)(8) of the act of February 14, 2008
15	(P.L.6, No.3), known as the Right-to-Know Law, is amended to
16	read:
17	Section 708. Exceptions for public records.
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19	(b) ExceptionsExcept as provided in subsections (c) and
20	(d), the following are exempt from access by a requester under
21	this act:
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1 (8) (i) A record pertaining to strategy [or 2 negotiations] relating to labor relations or collective bargaining and related arbitration proceedings. This 3 subparagraph shall not apply to <u>negotiations</u>, including, 4 but not limited to, offers and information exchanged 5 between the parties in a collective bargaining procedure, 6 7 or a final or executed contract or agreement between the 8 parties in a collective bargaining procedure.

9 In the case of the arbitration of a dispute or (ii) 10 grievance under a collective bargaining agreement, an exhibit entered into evidence at an arbitration 11 12 proceeding, a transcript of the arbitration or the 13 opinion. This subparagraph shall not apply to 14 negotiations, including, but not limited to, offers and 15 information exchanged between the parties in the arbitration of a dispute or grievance under a collective 16 bargaining procedure, or the final award or order of the 17 18 arbitrator in a dispute or grievance procedure. * * * 19

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

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