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AN ACT

1 Providing for notification regarding COVID-19 among members and
2 staff members of the General Assembly.

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

5 Section 1. Short title.

6 This act shall be known and may be cited as the COVID-19
7 General Assembly Notification Act.

8 Section 2. Purpose.

9 The purpose of this act is to ensure transparency among the
10 members of the General Assembly and their staff during the
11 COVID-19 pandemic.

12 Section 3. Definitions.

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

16 "COVID-19." The coronavirus disease 2019, an infectious
17 disease caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus

1 2 that was first identified during December 2019 in Wuhan,
2 China.

3 Section 4. Notification.

4 (a) Notification of officers.--A member or staff member of
5 the General Assembly who is diagnosed with COVID-19 or goes into
6 quarantine or isolation after being exposed to COVID-19 shall
7 immediately inform the legislative presiding officer of the
8 appropriate chamber, the Majority Leader and Minority Leader of
9 the appropriate chamber and the Chief Clerk of the appropriate
10 chamber.

11 (b) Notification of other members and staff.--Within 24
12 hours after notice is provided to the appropriate individuals
13 under subsection (a), the other members and staff members of the
14 appropriate chamber shall be notified. The following shall
15 apply:

16 (1) Notification shall follow guidance issued by the
17 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Department
18 of Health.

19 (2) Notification shall be consistent with
20 confidentiality provisions included in applicable Federal or
21 State laws.

22 (c) Notification of other chamber.--If a member or staff
23 member of one chamber of the General Assembly reports a positive
24 COVID-19 diagnosis or reports entrance into quarantine or
25 isolation, the members and staff members of the other chamber of
26 the General Assembly shall be notified, in accordance with the
27 requirements under subsection (b) (1) and (2).

28 Section 5. Expiration.

29 This act shall expire upon the termination or expiration
30 under 35 Pa.C.S. § 7301(c) (relating to general authority of

1 Governor) of the proclamation of disaster emergency issued by
2 the Governor on March 6, 2020, published at 50 Pa.B. 1644 (March
3 21, 2020), and any renewal of the state of disaster emergency.

4 Section 6. Effective date.

5 This act shall take effect immediately.