
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 389 Session of
2019

INTRODUCED BY COSTA, MARTIN, STEFANO, FONTANA, BARTOLOTTA,
HUGHES, SCHWANK, BAKER, BROWNE AND HAYWOOD, MARCH 5, 2019

REFERRED TO LABOR AND INDUSTRY, MARCH 5, 2019

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 12, 1986 (P.L.1559, No.169),
2 entitled "An act providing protection for employees who
3 report a violation or suspected violation of State, local or
4 Federal law; providing protection for employees who
5 participate in hearings, investigations, legislative
6 inquiries or court actions; and prescribing remedies and
7 penalties," further providing for definitions.

8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
9 hereby enacts as follows:

10 Section 1. The definition of "public body" in section 2 of
11 the act of December 12, 1986 (P.L.1559, No.169), known as the
12 Whistleblower Law, is amended and the section is amended by
13 adding a definition to read:

14 Section 2. Definitions.

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

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19 "Judicial agency." The Supreme Court and any other court of
20 the Commonwealth or any other entity or office of the unified

1 judicial system under Article V of the Constitution of
2 Pennsylvania, including the Administrative Office of
3 Pennsylvania Courts.

4 "Public body." All of the following:

5 (1) A State officer, agency, department, division,
6 bureau, board, commission, council, authority or other body
7 in the executive branch of State government.

8 (1.1) The General Assembly and its agencies.

9 (1.2) A judicial agency.

10 (2) A county, city, township, regional governing body,
11 council, school district, special district or municipal
12 corporation, or a board, department, commission, council or
13 agency.

14 (3) Any other body which is created by Commonwealth or
15 political subdivision authority or which is funded in any
16 amount by or through Commonwealth or political subdivision
17 authority or a member or employee of that body.

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