
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1264 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY OWLETT, APRIL 21, 2021

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, APRIL 21, 2021

AN ACT

1 Regarding the past, present and future response of this
2 Commonwealth to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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 Pandemic Response Act.

8 Section 2. Definitions.

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

12 "COVID-19." The novel coronavirus as identified in the
13 Governor's proclamation of disaster emergency issued on March 6,
14 2020, published at 50 Pa.B. 1644 (March 21, 2020).

15 "COVID-19 vaccine." A vaccine for COVID-19 that has received
16 an emergency-use authorization from the United States Food and
17 Drug Administration.

18 "Personal protective equipment." Gloves, respirators, face

1 masks, gowns, face shields or other protective equipment
2 designed to be worn by individuals to prevent or contain contact
3 with, or to prevent transmission of, a communicable illness or
4 the pathogens that cause communicable illness.

5 Section 3. Administration.

6 No later than 60 days after the effective date of this
7 section, the Department of General Services, in consultation
8 with the Adjutant General of the Commonwealth, the Secretary of
9 Health and the Director of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management
10 Agency, shall submit a report to the President pro tempore of
11 the Senate, the Majority Leader of the Senate, the Minority
12 Leader of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of
13 Representatives, the Majority Leader of the House of
14 Representatives, the Minority Leader of the House of
15 Representatives, the chairperson and minority chairperson of the
16 State Government Committee of the Senate, the chairperson and
17 minority chairperson of the State Government Committee of the
18 House of Representatives, the chairperson and minority
19 chairperson of the Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness
20 Committee of the Senate and the chairperson and minority
21 chairperson of the Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness
22 Committee of the House of Representatives. The report shall
23 include:

24 (1) A review of the personal protective equipment
25 purchased or acquired by the Commonwealth or its agencies in
26 response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The review under this
27 clause must include the following:

28 (i) The types of personal protective equipment
29 acquired.

30 (ii) The number of items of each type of personal

1 protective equipment under subparagraph (i).

2 (iii) The number of items of each type of personal
3 protective equipment which was distributed prior to the
4 date of the report.

5 (iv) The number of items of each type of personal
6 protective equipment which remains in the possession of
7 the Commonwealth as of the date of the report.

8 (v) The amount and source of the money used to
9 purchase personal protective equipment to address the
10 COVID-19 pandemic.

11 (vi) The amount and source of personal protective
12 equipment donated to, or otherwise acquired by, the
13 Commonwealth at no charge to address the COVID-19
14 pandemic.

15 (2) A review of the number and types of COVID-19
16 vaccines administered to residents of this Commonwealth.

17 (3) A review of the number and types of COVID-19 tests
18 administered to residents of this Commonwealth.

19 Section 4. Effective date.

20 This act shall take effect immediately.