

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2546 Session of 2022

INTRODUCED BY BULLOCK, FRANKEL, CEPHAS, SANCHEZ AND DALEY,
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND INDUSTRY, APRIL 26, 2022

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 24, 1968 (P.L.237, No.111), entitled
2 "An act specifically authorizing collective bargaining
3 between policemen and firemen and their public employers;
4 providing for arbitration in order to settle disputes, and
5 requiring compliance with collective bargaining agreements
6 and findings of arbitrators," providing for notice to public
7 prior to collective bargaining.

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

10 Section 1. The act of June 24, 1968 (P.L.237, No.111),
11 referred to as the Policemen and Firemen Collective Bargaining
12 Act, is amended by adding a section to read:

13 Section 3.1. (a) The following shall apply:

14 (1) A public employer may elect to require notice to the
15 public prior to the beginning of collective bargaining under
16 section 3. The following shall apply:

17 (i) For a public employer serving a single political
18 subdivision, the governing body of the political subdivision may
19 adopt an ordinance to require public notice under this section
20 and hold a public hearing with public comment on the forthcoming

1 collective bargaining. The public hearing shall be held 90 days
2 prior to the beginning of collective bargaining and shall be
3 publicized on the employer's publicly accessible Internet
4 website 14 days prior to the hearing.

5 (ii) For a public employer serving multiple political
6 subdivisions, the governing body that controls the public
7 employer, including a board or commission established by the
8 participating political subdivisions, may adopt a resolution to
9 require public notice under this section. If there is no
10 governing body that controls the public employer, the governing
11 bodies of the participating political subdivisions may all adopt
12 ordinances to require public notice under this section. The
13 governing bodies of the participating political subdivisions may
14 also hold hearings with public comment on the forthcoming
15 collective bargaining. The public hearing shall be held 90 days
16 prior to the beginning of collective bargaining and shall be
17 publicized on the employer's publicly accessible Internet
18 website 14 days prior to the hearing.

19 (2) An agency, authority or instrumentality of the
20 Commonwealth shall provide public notice under this section.

21 (b) A public employer that provides a hearing under
22 subsection (a) shall accept written public comments on
23 forthcoming collective bargaining negotiations prior to the
24 scheduled public hearing. The following shall apply:

25 (1) The written public comment period shall begin five
26 business days after the posting or publication under section
27 (1).

28 (2) The written public comment period shall be not less than
29 two weeks or ten business days, whichever is longer.

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