
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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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," further providing for fees and
7 costs associated with arbitration.

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

10 Section 1. Section 8 of the act of June 24, 1968 (P.L.237,
11 No.111), referred to as the Policemen and Firemen Collective
12 Bargaining Act, is amended to read:

13 Section 8. [The compensation, if any, of the arbitrator
14 appointed by the policemen or firemen shall be paid by them. The
15 compensation of the other two arbitrators, as well as all
16 stenographic and other expenses incurred by the arbitration
17 panel in connection with the arbitration proceedings, shall be
18 paid by the political subdivision or by the Commonwealth, as the
19 case may be.] (a) Except as provided under subsection (b), the
20 public employer and the policemen or firemen who are engaged in

1 the collective bargaining shall bear the costs of their
2 respective appointed arbitrators, witnesses, including actuary
3 or expert witnesses, and attorneys in an arbitration proceeding.

4 (b) The reasonable fees and costs associated with the
5 neutral third arbitrator and the stenographic and other expenses
6 not governed under subsection (a) shall be divided as follows:

7 (1) One-half of the fees and costs shall be paid by the
8 public employer.

9 (2) One-half of the fees and costs shall be paid by the
10 policemen and firemen who are engaged in the collective
11 bargaining.

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