

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1029 Session of 2022

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SENATOR ARGALL, STATE GOVERNMENT, AS AMENDED, JUNE 8, 2022

AN ACT

1 Providing for mandatory in-person meetings for Commonwealth  
2 government and its agencies, including independent agencies.

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 In-Person  
7 Meeting 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 "Commonwealth agency." Any executive agency or independent  
13 agency.

14 "Commonwealth government." The Governor and the departments,  
15 boards, commissions, authorities and other officers and  
16 employees of the Commonwealth government, the General Assembly  
17 and its officers and agencies, and any Commonwealth agency. The  
18 term does not include any court or other officer or agency of

1 the unified judicial system or local agency.

2 "Independent agency." Boards, commissions, authorities and  
3 other agencies and officers of the Commonwealth government which  
4 are not subject to the policy supervision and control of the  
5 Governor.

6 "Local agency." A government agency other than a  
7 Commonwealth agency.

8 "PUBLIC MEETING." A GATHERING OF A COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT <--  
9 ENTITY THAT REQUIRES PUBLIC COMMENT OR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

10 Section 3. General rule.

11 ~~Meetings~~ PUBLIC MEETINGS in departments and State agencies <--  
12 are required to be held in person except during the time of a  
13 state of disaster emergency declared pursuant to 35 Pa.C.S. §  
14 7301(c) (relating to general authority of Governor).

15 Section 4. Effective date.

16 This act shall take effect immediately.