

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1136 Session of 2022

INTRODUCED BY MENSCH, PHILLIPS-HILL, GORDNER, BAKER, DUSH, HUTCHINSON, MARTIN, STEFANO AND J. WARD, MARCH 11, 2022

REFERRED TO HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, MARCH 11, 2022

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 29, 1953 (P.L.304, No.66), entitled "An
 2 act providing for the administration of a statewide system of
 3 vital statistics; prescribing the functions of the State
 4 Department of Health, the State Advisory Health Board and
 5 local registrars; imposing duties upon coroners,
 6 prothonotaries, clerks of orphans' court, physicians,
 7 midwives and other persons; requiring reports and
 8 certificates for the registration of vital statistics;
 9 regulating the disposition of dead bodies; limiting the
 10 disclosure of records; prescribing the sufficiency of vital
 11 statistics records as evidence; prescribing fees and
 12 penalties; and revising and consolidating the laws relating
 13 thereto," in general provisions, further providing for
 14 definitions; and, in records, further providing for
 15 disclosure to governmental agencies.

16 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
 17 hereby enacts as follows:

18 Section 1. Section 105 of the act of June 29, 1953 (P.L.304,
 19 No.66), known as the Vital Statistics Law of 1953, is amended by
 20 adding definitions to read:

21 Section 105. General Provisions: Definitions.--As used in
 22 this act--

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24 (13) "Conduct of official duty" means tasks, actions or

1 responsibilities performed to facilitate the achievement of
2 an agency's authorized work.

3 (14) "Legislative service agency" means a bipartisan,
4 bicameral agency created by statute for the use and
5 information of the Governor, members of the General Assembly
6 and the heads of the departments of the State government,
7 including the Capitol Preservation Committee, the Center for
8 Rural Pennsylvania, the Independent Fiscal Office, the Joint
9 State Government Commission, the Legislative Budget and
10 Finance Committee, the Legislative Data Processing Center,
11 the Local Government Commission and the Pennsylvania
12 Commission on Sentencing or any other bipartisan, bicameral
13 agency created or authorized by the General Assembly to
14 provide a legislative service.

15 (15) "Research" means the systematic investigation into
16 and study of materials and sources to establish facts and
17 reach new conclusions.

18 (16) "State agencies of Government" means any agency of
19 the Commonwealth, including a legislative service agency.

20 Section 2. Section 806 of the act is amended to read:

21 Section 806. Records: Disclosure to Governmental Agencies.--

22 The department [may] shall disclose information or data from
23 vital statistics record to federal, state or municipal agencies
24 of government which request such information or data in the
25 interest of conduct of official duty.

26 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.