

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 355 Session of 2023

INTRODUCED BY DUSH, PHILLIPS-HILL, COLEMAN, ROTHMAN AND J. WARD,
FEBRUARY 10, 2023

REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, FEBRUARY 10, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of February 14, 2008 (P.L.6, No.3), entitled
2 "An act providing for access to public information, for a
3 designated open-records officer in each Commonwealth agency,
4 local agency, judicial agency and legislative agency, for
5 procedure, for appeal of agency determination, for judicial
6 review and for the Office of Open Records; imposing
7 penalties; providing for reporting by State-related
8 institutions; requiring the posting of certain State contract
9 information on the Internet; and making related repeals," in
10 judicial review, providing for criminal penalty.

11 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
12 hereby enacts as follows:

13 Section 1. The act of February 14, 2008 (P.L.6, No.3), known
14 as the Right-to-Know Law, is amended by adding a section to
15 read:

16 Section 1305.1. Criminal penalty.

17 (a) Offense defined.--A person commits an offense if the
18 person intentionally and unlawfully alters, destroys, conceals,
19 removes or otherwise impairs the verity or availability of any
20 record for which a request has been made under this act.

21 (b) Grading.--An offense under this section is a felony of
22 the third degree.

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