



House Intergovernmental Affairs & Operations Committee

Meeting Agenda

Monday, December 15, 2025

10:00 AM

515 Irvis Office Building

Call to Order

Roll Call

Legislation to Be Considered

- **HB 469 (Howard)** – Updates the process for retrocession of jurisdiction between the United States and the Commonwealth.
- **HB 562 (D. Williams)** – Provides that the Commonwealth retains concurrent jurisdiction for juvenile process on certain land owned or later acquired by the United States.
- **HB 513 (Davanzo)** – Creates a freestanding act updating the Pennsylvania State Plane Coordinate System based on the National Spatial Reference System as established by the National Geodetic Survey.
 - **Amendment A01334 (Staats)** – Provides changes to terminology and procedure, allows for flexibility in the Pennsylvania State Plane Coordinate System, and revises effective date.
- **HB 802 (Hanbidge)** – Amends Act 3 of 2008 (Right-to-Know Law) to exempt records, notes and working papers used to assist an individual with a disability from public access. It would also exempt records or information that would disclose the identity of a claimant or victim in an executed agreement that settles a sexual harassment or sexual assault claim.
- **HR 157 (Zimmerman)** – Urges Congress to pass to pass H.R. 3023, the Treatment and Relief through Emerging and Accessible Therapy for PTSD Act, should it be reintroduced, or similar legislation during the 119th United States Congress.
 - **Amendment A02243 (Staats)** – Replaces references to H.R. 3023 with H.R. 1947, the current version of the legislation in the 119th Congress.

- **SB 686 (Dush)** – Provides that tampering with public records that are the subject of a current Right-to-Know Law request or appeal constitutes a felony of the third degree.

Any Other Business

Adjournment

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 469 Session of
2025

INTRODUCED BY HOWARD, PIELLI, D. WILLIAMS, GIRAL, HILL-EVANS,
BURGOS, SANCHEZ, GUENST, KHAN, OTTEN, CERRATO AND GREEN,
FEBRUARY 4, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND
OPERATIONS, FEBRUARY 4, 2025

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of August 5, 1977 (P.L.181, No.47), entitled
2 "An act providing for the acceptance by the Governor of
3 jurisdiction relinquished by the United States to the
4 Commonwealth over lands within the Commonwealth's
5 boundaries," further providing for general provisions and for
6 procedure relating to concurrent jurisdiction over military
7 installations.

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

10 Section 1. Sections 1 and 2 of the act of August 5, 1977
11 (P.L.181, No.47), entitled "An act providing for the acceptance
12 by the Governor of jurisdiction relinquished by the United
13 States to the Commonwealth over lands within the Commonwealth's
14 boundaries," are amended to read:

15 Section 1. General provisions.

16 The consent of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is hereby
17 given to the retrocession of jurisdiction by the United States
18 over land within the boundaries of the Commonwealth now owned or
19 later acquired by the United States. The Governor is hereby

1 authorized to accept for the Commonwealth such retrocession to
2 partial, concurrent, or exclusive jurisdiction.

3 Section 2. Procedure.

4 Retrocession of jurisdiction shall be effected upon the
5 completion of the following procedure:

6 (1) Written notice shall be filed with the Governor by
7 the United States, or any department or agency thereof, in
8 accordance with applicable acts of Congress. When a notice is
9 filed by the principal officer of the military installation
10 or other authorized representative of the United States
11 having supervision and control over the land of a military
12 installation, the notice shall:

13 (i) Clearly state the subject matter for the
14 concurrent jurisdiction request, specifically identifying
15 whether it includes juvenile delinquency and status
16 offenses.

17 (ii) Provide a metes and bounds description of the
18 boundary of the concurrent jurisdiction request.

19 (iii) Indicate whether the request includes future
20 contiguous expansions of land acquired for military
21 purposes.

22 (2) The Governor shall give public notice of
23 retrocession of jurisdiction by publication in the
24 Pennsylvania Bulletin.

25 (3) Written acceptance shall not be made less than 30
26 days after public notice of retrocession.

27 (4) The following procedure shall apply when a notice is
28 filed:

29 (i) When the notice is filed by the principal
30 officer of the military installation or other authorized

1 representative of the United States having supervision
2 and control over the land of a military installation, the
3 Governor's written acceptance shall confirm each of the
4 elements of the request that are accepted and shall cause
5 to be filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth:

6 (A) The United States' request for concurrent
7 jurisdiction.

8 (B) The Governor's written acceptance.

9 (C) The metes and bounds description of the land
10 to be recorded and indexed.

11 (ii) Upon the filing with the Secretary of the
12 Commonwealth, the Governor shall cause a certified copy
13 of the recorded documents to be sent to the requestor.

14 (5) Upon the establishment of concurrent jurisdiction,
15 any State or local agency may enter into a reciprocal
16 agreement or memorandum of understanding with any agency of
17 the United States for coordination and designation of
18 responsibilities related to the concurrent jurisdiction.

19 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

Bill No:	HB0469 PN0452	Prepared By:	Dante Jacobelli
Committee:	Intergovernmental Affairs & Operations	Executive Director:	(717) 787-3489,6940 Dante Jacobelli
Sponsor:	Howard, Kristine		
Date:	6/25/2025		

A. Brief Concept

Updates the process for retrocession of jurisdiction between the United States and the Commonwealth for land now owned or later acquired by the United States.

C. Analysis of the Bill

This legislation would amend Act 47 of 1977 to update the process for retrocession of jurisdiction between the United States and the Commonwealth. It would provide that the Commonwealth agrees to accept the retrocession of jurisdiction from the United States for land within the boundaries of the Commonwealth now owned or later acquired by the United States.

It would also require that when a notice of retrocession is filed by the principal officer of a military installation or another authorized representative of the United States having supervision and control over the land of a military installation, the notice must:

- Clearly state the subject matter for the concurrent jurisdiction request, specifically identifying whether it includes juvenile delinquency and status offenses.
- Provide a metes and bounds description of the boundary of the concurrent jurisdiction request.
- Indicate whether the request includes future contiguous expansions of land acquired for military purposes.

It would also provide for the following procedure when a notice is filed:

- When the notice is filed by the principal officer of the military installation or other authorized representative of the United States having supervision and control over the land of a military installation, the Governor's written acceptance confirms each of the elements of the request that are accepted and shall cause to be filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth:
 - The United States' request for concurrent jurisdiction
 - The Governor's written acceptance.
 - The metes and bounds description of the land to be recorded and indexed.
- Upon filing with the Secretary of the Commonwealth, the Governor must cause a certified copy of the recorded documents to be sent to the requestor.

Upon the establishment of concurrent jurisdiction, any state or local agency may enter into a reciprocal agreement or memorandum of understanding with any agency of the United States for coordination and designation of responsibilities related to the concurrent jurisdiction.

Effective Date:

This Act takes effect immediately.

G. Relevant Existing Laws

Act 47 of 1977 provides that the consent of the Commonwealth is given to the retrocession of jurisdiction by the United States over land within the boundaries of the Commonwealth. It also provides the Governor's authority to accept retrocession to partial, concurrent, or exclusive jurisdiction.

The Federal Juvenile Delinquency Act (18 U.S. Code Ch 403) provides federal authorities three options when a juvenile violates federal criminal law:

- They can be referred to state authorities.
- They can initiate federal delinquency proceedings.
- If a case is retained in the federal system and involves a serious offense, they can petition the federal court to transfer the juvenile for trial as an adult.

The Juvenile Delinquency Act generally favors referring juveniles to state authorities. However, on military installations under exclusive federal jurisdiction, juvenile misconduct can only be adjudicated in the federal court system.

E. Prior Session (Previous Bill Numbers & House/Senate Votes).

N/A

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 562 Session of
2025

INTRODUCED BY D. WILLIAMS, PIELLI, HOWARD, GIRAL, HILL-EVANS,
BURGOS, SANCHEZ, GUENST, KHAN, OTTEN, CERRATO AND GREEN,
FEBRUARY 12, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND
OPERATIONS, FEBRUARY 12, 2025

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 13, 1883 (P.L.118, No.105), entitled
2 "An act ceding concurrent jurisdiction of this State over
3 certain lands owned or hereafter acquired by the United
4 States," providing for concurrent jurisdiction in juvenile
5 cases.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. Section 1 of the act of June 13, 1883 (P.L.118,
9 No.105), entitled "An act ceding concurrent jurisdiction of this
10 State over certain lands owned or hereafter acquired by the
11 United States," is amended to read:

12 Section 1. Jurisdiction of State ceded to the United States,
13 in certain cases

14 The jurisdiction of this State is hereby ceded to the United
15 States of America over all such pieces or parcels of land, not
16 exceeding ten acres in any one township, ward or city, or
17 borough, within the limits of this State, as have been or shall
18 hereafter be selected and acquired by this United States for the

1 purpose of erecting post offices, custom houses or other
2 structures, exclusively owned by the general government, and
3 used for its purposes: Provided, That an accurate description
4 and plan of such lands, so acquired, verified by the oath of
5 some officer of the general government having knowledge of the
6 facts, shall be filed with the Department of Internal Affairs of
7 this State as soon as said United States shall have acquired
8 possession of the same.

9 All such descriptions and plans heretofore filed with the
10 Secretary of the Commonwealth shall, as soon as it may
11 conveniently be done, be transferred to the Department of
12 Internal Affairs, and the Department of Internal Affairs shall
13 give to the Secretary of the Commonwealth proper receipts for
14 such descriptions and plans.

15 The jurisdiction so ceded to the United States of America is
16 granted upon the express condition that the Commonwealth of
17 [pennsylvania] Pennsylvania shall retain concurrent
18 jurisdiction, with the United States in and over the lands and
19 buildings aforesaid, in so far that civil process in all cases,
20 juvenile process in all cases, and such criminal process as may
21 issue under the authority of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
22 against anyone charged with crime committed outside said land,
23 may be executed thereon in the same manner as if this
24 jurisdiction had not been ceded. The United States shall retain
25 such jurisdiction so long as the said land shall be used for the
26 purposes for which jurisdiction is ceded and no longer.

27 The jurisdiction so ceded to the United States shall be upon
28 the further condition that the Commonwealth reserves to itself
29 and its political subdivisions whatever power of taxation it may
30 constitutionally reserve, to levy and collect all taxes now or

1 hereafter imposed by the Commonwealth and its political
2 subdivisions upon property, persons, and franchises within the
3 boundaries so ceded.

4 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

Bill No:	HB0562 PN0566	Prepared By:	Dante Jacobelli
Committee:	Intergovernmental Affairs & Operations	Executive Director:	(717) 787-3489,6940 Dante Jacobelli
Sponsor:	Williams, Dan		
Date:	6/25/2025		

A. Brief Concept

Provides that the Commonwealth retains concurrent jurisdiction with the United States over juvenile process on certain land owned or hereafter acquired by the United States.

C. Analysis of the Bill

This legislation would amend Act 105 of 1883 to provide that, on certain land owned or hereafter acquired by United States, the Commonwealth retains concurrent jurisdiction with the United States over juvenile process in all cases.

Effective Date:

This Act takes effect immediately.

G. Relevant Existing Laws

Act 105 of 1883 states that on certain land owned or hereafter acquired by the United States, the Commonwealth retains concurrent jurisdiction with the United States so that civil process in all cases and criminal process against anyone charged with a crime committed outside said land may be executed in the same manner as if jurisdiction had not been ceded.

Act 105 of 1883 applies to land not exceeding ten acres in any one township, ward or city, or borough, within Pennsylvania as have been or will be acquired by the United States for the purpose of erecting post offices, custom houses or other structures exclusively owned by the federal government for its purposes.

E. Prior Session (Previous Bill Numbers & House/Senate Votes)

N/A

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 513 Session of
2025

INTRODUCED BY DAVANZO AND JAMES, FEBRUARY 5, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND
OPERATIONS, FEBRUARY 5, 2025

AN ACT

1 Providing for Pennsylvania State Plane Coordinate System, for
2 notation requirements and for duties of State Geospatial
3 Coordinating Board; and making a repeal.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Short title.

7 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Pennsylvania
8 State Plane Coordinate System Act.

9 Section 2. Pennsylvania State Plane Coordinate System.

10 (a) System.--The most recent system of plane coordinates
11 based on the National Spatial Reference System, known as the
12 State Plane Coordinate System, which has been established by the
13 National Geodetic Survey or its successors for defining and
14 stating the horizontal positions or locations of points on the
15 surface of the earth within this Commonwealth, shall be known as
16 the Pennsylvania State Plane Coordinate System.

17 (b) Parameters.--The defining parameters of the Pennsylvania
18 State Plane Coordinate System, including zone definitions, shall

1 be defined and published by the National Geodetic Survey or its
2 successors as a part of the overall State Plane Coordinate
3 System. The defining parameters may be requested to be changed
4 by the State Geospatial Coordinating Board or the Department of
5 Transportation or the successors or designees of the State
6 Geospatial Coordinating Board or the Department of
7 Transportation.

8 (c) Geodetic datums.--The official geodetic datums to which
9 geodetic coordinates, including, but not limited to, latitude,
10 longitude, ellipsoid height, orthometric height or dynamic
11 height, are referenced within this Commonwealth shall be as
12 defined for the National Spatial Reference System or its
13 successors and may be accessed via the National Oceanic and
14 Atmospheric Administration Continuously Operating Reference
15 Stations Network.

16 (d) Previous versions.--Previous versions of the
17 Pennsylvania State Plane Coordinate System shall include the
18 Pennsylvania Coordinate System of 1927 and the Pennsylvania
19 Coordinate System of 1983 as specified by the act of June 2,
20 1937 (P.L.1208, No.310), entitled "An act to describe, define,
21 and officially adopt a system of coordinates for designating the
22 positions of points on the surface of the earth within the
23 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania."

24 Section 3. Description of Pennsylvania State Plane Coordinate
25 System.

26 The Pennsylvania State Plane Coordinate System shall consist
27 of two layers of zones as follows:

28 (1) a single zone with full coverage of this
29 Commonwealth; and

30 (2) a set of smaller regional zones, as specified under

section 5, that together provide the same coverage as specified under paragraph (1).

Section 4. Use of layers and zones.

(a) Uses.--The layer specified under section 3(1) is designed for Statewide geospatial datasets. The layer specified under section 3(2) is designed for engineering or surveying projects.

(b) Determination.--The determination of which layer and zone to use shall be a user decision based on individual and specific needs.

Section 5. Regional zones.

For use of the Pennsylvania State Plane Coordinate System, this Commonwealth shall be divided into smaller regional zones as established by the National Geodetic Survey or its successors as specified under section 2(b).

Section 6. Coordinates and distances.

(a) Coordinates.--The plane coordinates of a point on the surface of the earth, to be used for expressing the geographic position or location of the point in the appropriate zone of the Pennsylvania State Plane Coordinate System, shall consist of two distances expressed in meters and decimals of a meter or International Feet and decimals of a foot.

(b) Distances.--

(1) One of the distances specified in subsection (a), which shall be known as the "east or x-coordinate," shall give the distance east of the y-axis. The other distance specified under subsection (a), which shall be known as the "north or y-coordinate," shall give the distance north of the x-axis.

(2) The y-axis of any zone shall be parallel with the

central meridian of that zone.

(3) The x-axis of any zone shall be at right angles to the central meridian of that zone.

(4) An International Foot, which equals 0.3048 meters exactly, shall be used for all foot distances and coordinates unless the distances or coordinates are tied to one of the previous versions of the Pennsylvania State Plane Coordinate System specified under section 2(d).

(5) The U.S. Survey Foot, which equals 1200/3937 meters exactly or 0.3048006 meters approximately, shall be superseded by the International Foot as specified under paragraph (4) as determined by the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

Section 7. Notation requirements.

All of the following shall be named in any land description, plat, map, report of survey or other document in which coordinates based on the Pennsylvania State Plane Coordinate System are used:

(1) The Pennsylvania State Plane Coordinate System.

(2) The name of the zone, either Statewide or regional, as established by the National Geodetic Survey or its successors in accordance with section 2(b).

(3) The source geodetic datum and decimal-year epoch date of the survey or coordinate derivation or calculation.

Section 8. Duties of State Geospatial Coordinating Board.

The State Geospatial Coordinating Board shall transmit a notice to the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in the next available issue of the Pennsylvania Bulletin upon the release of the State Plane Coordinate System 2022 by the National Geodetic Survey or its successors.

1 Section 9. Construction.

2 Nothing in this act shall be construed to prohibit the
3 appropriate use of other datums and other geodetic reference
4 networks.

5 Section 10. Repeals.

6 The act of June 2, 1937 (P.L.1208, No.310), entitled "An act
7 to describe, define, and officially adopt a system of
8 coordinates for designating the positions of points on the
9 surface of the earth within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,"
10 is repealed insofar as it is inconsistent with this act.

11 Section 11. Effective date.

12 This act shall take effect as follows:

13 (1) The following shall take effect immediately:

14 Section 8.

15 This section.

16 (2) The remainder of this act shall take effect upon
17 publication of the notice under section 8.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

Bill No:	HB0513 PN0495	Prepared By:	Dante Jacobelli
Committee:	Intergovernmental Affairs & Operations	Executive Director:	(717) 787-3489,6940 Dante Jacobelli
Sponsor:	Davanzo, Eric		
Date:	6/24/2025		

A. Brief Concept

Creates a freestanding act updating the Pennsylvania State Plane Coordinate System based on the National Spatial Reference System and repeals Act 310 of 1937 insofar as it is inconsistent with the provisions of the act.

C. Analysis of the Bill

This legislation would create the freestanding Pennsylvania State Plane Coordinate System Act to establish updates to the Pennsylvania State Plane Coordinate System.

The act would establish the most recent State Plane Coordinate System, which has been established by the National Geodetic Survey (NGS) or its successors for defining and stating the horizontal positions on the surface of the earth within this Commonwealth, as the Pennsylvania State Plane Coordinate System.

The defining parameters of the Pennsylvania State Plane Coordinate System, including zone definitions, would be defined and published by NGS or its successors as a part of the overall State Plane Coordinate System. The State Geospatial Coordinating Board or the Department of Transportation or their successors or designees could request to change the defining parameters.

The official geodetic datums to which geodetic coordinates are referenced within this Commonwealth would be as defined for the National Spatial Reference System or its successors and could be accessed through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Continuously Operating Reference Stations Network.

The Pennsylvania State Plane Coordinate System would be required to consist of two layers of zones as follows:

- A single zone with full coverage of the Commonwealth.
 - Designed for statewide geospatial datasets.
- A set of smaller regional zones as established by NGS or its successors that together provide the same coverage as the above.
 - Designed for engineering or surveying projects.

The plane coordinates of a point on the surface of the earth, to be used for expressing the point's geographic position in the Pennsylvania State Plane Coordinate System, would be required to consist of two distances expressed in meters and decimals of a meter or International Feet and decimals of a foot. These coordinates would be known as the "east or x-coordinate" and the "north or y-coordinate."

An International Foot must be used for all foot distances and coordinates unless the distances or coordinates are tied to one of the previous versions of the Pennsylvania State Plane Coordinate System as specified under Act 310 of 1937. The U.S. Survey Foot would be superseded by the International Foot as specified above as determined by the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

All the following would be required to be named in any land description, plat, map, report of survey or other document in which coordinates based on the Pennsylvania State Plane Coordinate System are used:

- The Pennsylvania State Plane Coordinate System.
- The name of the zone, either statewide or regional.
- The source geodetic datum and decimal-year epoch date of the survey or coordinate derivation or calculation.

The State Geospatial Coordinating Board would be required to transmit a notice to the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in the next available issue of the Pennsylvania Bulletin upon the release of the State Plane Coordinate System 2022 by NGS or its successors.

Nothing in this act would prohibit the appropriate use of other datums and other geodetic reference networks.

This legislation would repeal Act 310 of 1937 insofar as it is inconsistent with the provisions of the act.

Effective Date:

Section 8 of this act will take effect immediately.

The remainder of this act will take effect upon publication of the notice under section 8.

G. Relevant Existing Laws

Act 310 of 1937 is the current law governing the Pennsylvania State Plane Coordinate System. It explicitly established the use of the 1983 North American datum for the Pennsylvania State Plane Coordinate System. It also established the use of the 1927 North American datum, which was in use prior to the 1983 version.

E. Prior Session (Previous Bill Numbers & House/Senate Votes).

N/A

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LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 513

Sponsor:

Printer's No. 495

1 Amend Bill, page 1, line 14, by inserting after "horizontal"
2 and vertical

3 Amend Bill, page 2, lines 3 through 7, by striking out "The
4 defining parameters may be requested to be changed" in line 3
5 and all of lines 4 through 7

6 Amend Bill, page 2, lines 26 and 27, by striking out all of
7 said lines and inserting

8 The Pennsylvania State Plane Coordinate System, contingent
9 upon zoning provided in the published National Spatial Reference
10 System by the National Geodetic Survey or its successors, may
11 consist of:

12 Amend Bill, page 2, line 28, by inserting after "zone"
13 layer

14 Amend Bill, page 2, line 30, by striking out "set" and
15 inserting

16 layer

17 Amend Bill, page 4, lines 25 through 30, by striking out all
18 of said lines

19 Amend Bill, page 5, line 1, by striking out "9" and inserting
20 8

21 Amend Bill, page 5, line 5, by striking out "10" and
22 inserting

23 9

24 Amend Bill, page 5, lines 11 through 17, by striking out all

1 of said lines and inserting
2 Section 10. Effective date.
3 This act shall take effect in 30 days.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 802 Session of 2025

INTRODUCED BY HANBIDGE, HILL-EVANS, CERRATO, CEPEDA-FREYTIZ,
GUENST, SANCHEZ, GIRAL, KHAN, SCHLOSSBERG, DALEY AND
HOHENSTEIN, MARCH 4, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND
OPERATIONS, MARCH 4, 2025

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 procedure, further providing for exceptions for public
11 records.

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

14 Section 1. Section 708(b)(12) and (c) of the act of February
15 14, 2008 (P.L.6, No.3), known as the Right-to-Know Law, are
16 amended and subsection (b) is amended by adding a paragraph to
17 read:

18 Section 708. Exceptions for public records.

19 * * *

20 (b) Exceptions.--Except as provided in subsections (c) and
21 (d), the following are exempt from access by a requester under

1 this act:

2 * * *

3 (12) Notes and working papers prepared by or for a
4 public official or agency employee used:

5 (i) solely for that official's or employee's own
6 personal use, including telephone message slips, routing
7 slips and other materials that do not have an official
8 purpose[.]; or

9 (ii) to assist an individual with a disability,
10 including transcriptions, braille translations or large
11 print materials.

12 * * *

13 (31) A record or information that would disclose the
14 identity of a claimant or victim in an executed agreement
15 that settles a sexual harassment or sexual assault claim.

16 (c) Financial records.--The exceptions set forth in
17 subsection (b) shall not apply to financial records, except that
18 an agency may redact that portion of a financial record
19 protected under subsection (b)(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (16)
20 [or], (17) or (31). An agency shall not disclose the identity of
21 an individual performing an undercover or covert law enforcement
22 activity.

23 * * *

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

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

Bill No:	HB0802 PN0830	Prepared By:	Dante Jacobelli
Committee:	Intergovernmental Affairs & Operations	Executive Director:	(717) 787-3489,6940 Dante Jacobelli
Sponsor:	Hanbidge, Liz		
Date:	7/29/2025		

A. Brief Concept

Amends Act 3 of 2008 (Right-to-Know Law) to exempt records, notes, and working papers used to assist an individual with a disability from public access. It would also exempt records or information that would disclose the identity of a claimant or victim in an executed agreement that settles a sexual harassment or sexual assault claim.

C. Analysis of the Bill

This legislation would amend Act 3 of 2008 (Right-to-Know Law) to exempt the following from access by a requester:

- Notes or working papers prepared by or for a public official or agency employee used to assist an individual with a disability, including transcriptions, braille translations or large print materials.
- A record or information that would disclose the identity of a claimant or a victim in an executed agreement that settles a sexual harassment or sexual assault claim. This information could also be redacted from financial records.

Effective Date:

This act takes effect in 60 days.

G. Relevant Existing Laws

Act 3 of 2008 (Right-to-Know Law), Section 708 (Exceptions for Public Records) provides a list of records exempted from access by a requester. No exemptions currently exist for records relating to disability accommodations or for records or information that would disclose the identity of a claimant or victim in a sexual harassment or sexual assault claim.

E. Prior Session (Previous Bill Numbers & House/Senate Votes)

House Bill 974 (Hanbidge) of the 2023-2024 Legislative Session passed the House unanimously on March 19, 2024. It was referred to the Senate State Government Committee on April 5, 2024, but received no further consideration.

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 157 Session of
2025

INTRODUCED BY ZIMMERMAN, KRUPA, HAMM, FREEMAN, GUENST, JAMES,
SCHEUREN, HADDOCK, NEILSON, SCHMITT, COOK, GILLEN AND
K.HARRIS, MARCH 31, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND
OPERATIONS, MARCH 31, 2025

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Congress of the United States to pass H.R. 3023, the
2 Treatment and Relief through Emerging and Accessible Therapy
3 for PTSD Act, should it be reintroduced, or similar
4 legislation dealing with stellate ganglion block therapy to
5 veterans and members of the armed forces of the United States
6 with post-traumatic stress disorder, during the 119th United
7 States Congress.

8 WHEREAS, H.R. 3023 directs the United States Secretary of
9 Veterans Affairs and the United States Secretary of Defense to
10 furnish stellate ganglion block (SGB) therapy to veterans and
11 members of the armed forces of the United States with post-
12 traumatic stress disorder (PTSD); and

13 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Veterans Affairs
14 (VA) estimates that 23% of Operation Enduring Freedom and
15 Operation Iraqi Freedom veterans have received a diagnosis of
16 PTSD; and

17 WHEREAS, Older veterans are also impacted, with the VA
18 estimating that 12% of Gulf War veterans and 15% of Vietnam
19 veterans receive a PTSD diagnosis each year; and

1 WHEREAS, Unfortunately, only 40% of veterans find relief from
2 PTSD with current treatments; and

3 WHEREAS, If left untreated, PTSD symptoms have a positive
4 correlation with suicide risk; and

5 WHEREAS, The lack of effective PTSD treatments directly
6 contributes to the 20 veteran suicides the United States
7 experiences each day; and

8 WHEREAS, An SGB procedure injects an anesthetic agent on the
9 stellate ganglion, a collection of nerves in the neck that
10 controls the activation of the "fight" or "flight" survival
11 reflex; and

12 WHEREAS, SGB is proven to alleviate common PTSD symptoms such
13 as hyperarousal, exaggerated startle responses and anxiety; and

14 WHEREAS, The procedure has been performed since the 1920s and
15 is considered low risk; and

16 WHEREAS, SGB was first recognized as a treatment for PTSD in
17 2008; and

18 WHEREAS, H.R. 3023 is supported by the Pennsylvania National
19 Guard Associations, the American Legion and behavioral health
20 clinicians; therefore be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
22 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the Congress of the United
23 States to pass H.R. 3023, the Treatment and Relief through
24 Emerging and Accessible Therapy for PTSD Act, should it be
25 reintroduced, or similar legislation dealing with stellate
26 ganglion block therapy to veterans and members of the armed
27 forces of the United States with post-traumatic stress disorder,
28 during the 119th United States Congress; and be it further

29 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
30 the President of the United States, the presiding officers of

1 each house of Congress and to each member of Congress from
2 Pennsylvania.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

Bill No:	HR0157 PN1186	Prepared By:	Dante Jacobelli
Committee:	Intergovernmental Affairs & Operations	Executive Director:	(717) 787-3489,6940 Dante Jacobelli
Sponsor:	Zimmerman, David		
Date:	4/16/2025		

A. Brief Concept

Urges Congress to pass H.R. 3023, the Treatment and Relief through Emerging and Accessible Therapy for PTSD Act, should it be reintroduced, or similar legislation during the 119th Congress.

C. Analysis of the Bill

House Resolution 157 urges Congress to pass H.R. 3023, the Treatment and Relief through Emerging and Accessible Therapy for PTSD Act, should it be reintroduced, or similar legislation dealing with stellate ganglion block therapy for veterans and members of the armed forces of the United States with PTSD.

Only 40% of veterans find relief from PTSD with current treatments. If left untreated, PTSD symptoms have a positive correlation with suicide risk. A stellate ganglion block procedure injects an anesthetic agent on the stellate ganglion, a collection of nerves in the neck that controls the activation of the "fight" or "flight" survival reflex and may alleviate common PTSD symptoms such as hyperarousal, exaggerated startle responses and anxiety.

Copies of the resolution would be transmitted to the President of the United States, the presiding officers of each House of Congress and to each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.

Effective Date:

This Act takes effect upon adoption.

G. Relevant Existing Laws

N/A

E. Prior Session (Previous Bill Numbers & House/Senate Votes).

Senate Resolution 311 (Pennycuick) of the 2023-2024 Legislative Session urged Congress to pass H.R. 3023, the Treatment and Relief through Emerging and Accessible Therapy for PTSD Act. It was adopted by the Senate (44-4) on September 16, 2024.

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LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 157

Sponsor:

Printer's No. 1186

1 Amend Resolution, page 1, line 1, by striking out "3023" and
2 inserting
3 1947

4 Amend Resolution, page 1, line 3, by striking out ", should
5 it be reintroduced,"

6 Amend Resolution, page 1, line 8, by striking out "3023" and
7 inserting
8 1947

9 Amend Resolution, page 2, line 18, by striking out "3023" and
10 inserting
11 1947

12 Amend Resolution, page 2, line 23, by striking out "3023" and
13 inserting
14 1947

15 Amend Resolution, page 2, lines 24 and 25, by striking out ",
16 should it be reintroduced,"

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 686 Session of
2025INTRODUCED BY DUSH, ROTHMAN, COLEMAN, PHILLIPS-HILL, STEFANO AND
J. WARD, APRIL 28, 2025

SENATOR DUSH, STATE GOVERNMENT, AS AMENDED, MAY 6, 2025

AN ACT

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

AMENDING TITLE 18 (CRIMES AND OFFENSES) OF THE PENNSYLVANIA <--
CONSOLIDATED STATUTES, IN FALSIFICATION AND INTIMIDATION,
FURTHER PROVIDING FOR THE OFFENSE OF TAMPERING WITH PUBLIC
RECORDS OR INFORMATION.

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

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

~~Section 1305.1. Criminal penalty.~~

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

1 ~~(b) Grading.--An offense under this section is a felony of~~
2 ~~the third degree.~~

3 SECTION 1. SECTION 4911(B) OF TITLE 18 OF THE PENNSYLVANIA <--
4 CONSOLIDATED STATUTES IS AMENDED TO READ:

5 § 4911. TAMPERING WITH PUBLIC RECORDS OR INFORMATION.

6 * * *

7 (B) GRADING.--AN OFFENSE UNDER THIS SECTION IS A MISDEMEANOR
8 OF THE SECOND DEGREE UNLESS THE RECORD, DOCUMENT OR THING IS THE
9 SUBJECT OF A CURRENT REQUEST OR APPEAL UNDER THE ACT OF FEBRUARY
10 14, 2008 (P.L.6, NO.3), KNOWN AS THE RIGHT-TO-KNOW LAW, OR THE
11 INTENT OF THE ACTOR IS TO DEFRAUD OR INJURE ANYONE, IN WHICH
12 CASE THE OFFENSE IS A FELONY OF THE THIRD DEGREE.

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