

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1675 Session of  
2023

INTRODUCED BY LAWRENCE, RAPP, DELOZIER, C. WILLIAMS, STENDER,  
FLICK, MARCELL, CIRESI, GROVE, O'NEAL, GILLEN AND JOZWIAK,  
DECEMBER 8, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, DECEMBER 8, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 61 (Prisons and Parole) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, in general administration of  
3 correctional institutions, providing for review and report  
4 following escape or attempted escape.

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

7 Section 1. Title 61 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
8 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

9 § 1165. Review and report following escape or attempted escape.

10 (a) Security and staffing review.--In all cases in which an  
11 inmate commits the offense of escape as described in 18 Pa.C.S.

12 § 5121 (relating to escape), or attempted escape, while  
13 incarcerated in a correctional institution, the department shall  
14 conduct a full security and staffing review at the correctional  
15 institution.

16 (b) Assistance.--The department shall conduct the review  
17 under subsection (a) with the assistance of:

18 (1) The Commissioner of Pennsylvania State Police.

1           (2) A warden of a correctional institution from another  
2 county selected by the department.

3           (3) Any other individual, agency or entity that the  
4 department believes is necessary to assist in the review.

5 (c) Report.--

6           (1) Following the review under subsection (a), the  
7 department shall issue a report that includes specific  
8 recommendations to:

9           (i) Address flaws or shortcomings in security at the  
10 correctional institution.

11           (ii) Address flaws or shortcomings in staffing at  
12 the correctional institution.

13           (iii) Remedy any other issue that helped facilitate  
14 the escape or attempted escape.

15           (2) The report under paragraph (1) shall be transmitted  
16 to:

17           (i) The secretary.

18           (ii) The chairperson and minority chairperson of the  
19 Judiciary Committee of the Senate.

20           (iii) The chairperson and minority chairperson of  
21 the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives.

22           (iv) The president judge and county commissioners of  
23 the county in which the correctional institution is  
24 located.

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