
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1860 Session of
2013

INTRODUCED BY C. HARRIS, TURZAI, SWANGER, KAUFFMAN, CUTLER,
F. KELLER, RAPP, GABLER, SAYLOR, BLOOM, MOUL, SANKEY AND
EVANKOVICH, NOVEMBER 25, 2013

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND INDUSTRY, NOVEMBER 25, 2013

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 23, 1970 (P.L.563, No.195), entitled
2 "An act establishing rights in public employes to organize
3 and bargain collectively through selected representatives;
4 defining public employes to include employes of nonprofit
5 organizations and institutions; providing compulsory
6 mediation and fact-finding, for collective bargaining
7 impasses; providing arbitration for certain public employes
8 for collective bargaining impasses; defining the scope of
9 collective bargaining; establishing unfair employe and
10 employer practices; prohibiting strikes for certain public
11 employes; permitting strikes under limited conditions;
12 providing penalties for violations; and establishing
13 procedures for implementation," in employee organizations,
14 further providing for prohibited political contributions;
15 and, in penalties, further providing for interfering with a
16 board member.

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

19 Section 1. Sections 1701 and 1901 of the act of July 23,
20 1970 (P.L.563, No.195), known as the Public Employe Relations
21 Act, are amended to read:

22 Section 1701. No employe organization shall make any
23 contribution out of the funds of the employe organization either
24 directly or indirectly to any political party or organization or

1 in support of any political candidate for public office.

2 The board shall establish such rules and regulations as it
3 may find necessary to prevent the circumvention or evasion of
4 the provisions of this section.

5 If an employe organization has made contributions in
6 violation of this section it shall file with the board a report
7 or affidavit evidencing such contributions within ninety days of
8 the end of its fiscal year. Such report or affidavit shall be
9 signed by its president and treasurer or corresponding
10 principals.

11 Any employe organization which violates the provisions of
12 this section or fails to file any required report or affidavit
13 or files a false report or affidavit shall be subject to a fine
14 of not more than [two thousand dollars (\$2,000)] four thousand
15 dollars (\$4,000).

16 Any person who wilfully violates this section, or who makes a
17 false statement knowing it to be false, or who knowingly fails
18 to disclose a material fact shall be fined not more than [one
19 thousand dollars (\$1,000)] two thousand dollars (\$2,000) or
20 imprisoned for not more than thirty days or both. Each
21 individual required to sign affidavits or reports under this
22 section shall be personally responsible for filing such report
23 or affidavit and for any statement contained therein he knows to
24 be false.

25 Nothing herein shall be deemed to prohibit voluntary
26 contributions by individuals to political parties or candidates.

27 Section 1901. Any person who shall wilfully resist, prevent,
28 impede or interfere with any member of the board, or any of its
29 agents, in the performance of duties pursuant to this act, shall
30 be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall

1 be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than [five thousand
2 dollars (\$5,000)] ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), or by
3 imprisonment for not more than one year, or both.

4 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.