
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2201 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY WHITE, HARKINS, O'BRIEN, STEPHENS, READSHAW,
MCGEEHAN, WATSON, DAY, V. BROWN, MCCARTER, DAVIS, BISHOP,
THOMAS, GIBBONS, SWANGER, MURT AND MCNEILL, APRIL 28, 2014

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, APRIL 28, 2014

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for exceptions to
3 prohibition of interception and disclosure of communications.

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

6 Section 1. Section 5704 of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a paragraph to read:
8 § 5704. Exceptions to prohibition of interception and
9 disclosure of communications.

10 It shall not be unlawful and no prior court approval shall be
11 required under this chapter for:

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13 (19) Any victim of or witness to bullying as defined in
14 section 1303.1-A of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30,
15 No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, to intercept
16 the contents of any electronic or oral communication while on
17 school property or at a school-sponsored event, if that
18 person is under a reasonable suspicion that the intercepted

1 party is committing, about to commit or has committed
2 bullying and there is reason to believe that evidence of
3 bullying may be obtained from the interception. The victim or
4 witness shall not publish, reproduce or transmit the contents
5 of the electronic or oral communication.

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