



|| SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA BILL SUMMARY

Senate Bill 504 Printer's No. 532

Prime Sponsor: Senator Martin
Committee: State Government

SYNOPSIS:

Removes the exemption of collective bargaining from the Right-to-Know Law.

SUMMARY:

Amends Section 708, Exceptions for public records, of the Right-to-Know Law. The bill provides that, in addition to final agreements between the parties in a collective bargaining procedure as well as in final awards or orders of the arbitrator in a dispute or grievance under a collective bargaining procedure, negotiations for either of these types of procedures are not included as an exception to the Right-to-Know Law. "Negotiations" would include offers and information exchanged between the parties.

Currently, provisions of Subsection (b) of Section 708 exempt from access by a requester both records relating to strategy or negotiations relating to labor relations or collective bargaining and related arbitration proceedings; as well as in the case of an arbitration or dispute of grievance under a collective bargaining agreement, an exhibit entered into evidence at an arbitration proceeding, a transcript of the arbitration or the opinion.

Effective Date: 60 days.

AMENDMENT A00738:

Clarifies a term and removes language not commonly used in the Right-to-Know Law.

BILL HISTORY:

Referred to State Government, March 16, 2017.

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