
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1601 Session of
2019

INTRODUCED BY DUSH, RYAN, BERNSTINE, GROVE AND GILLEN,
JUNE 11, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JUNE 11, 2019

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 judicial review, providing for criminal penalty.

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

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

16 Section 1305.1. Criminal penalty.

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

21 (b) Grading.--An offense under this section is a felony of
22 the third degree.

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