THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 689

Session of 2019

INTRODUCED BY MULLERY, CALTAGIRONE, SCHLOSSBERG, HILL-EVANS, MILLARD, RABB, FREEMAN, NEILSON, MURT, BERNSTINE AND T. DAVIS, MARCH 5, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, MARCH 5, 2019

AN ACT

Amending the act of December 12, 1986 (P.L.1559, No.169), 1 entitled "An act providing protection for employees who 2 report a violation or suspected violation of State, local or 3 Federal law; providing protection for employees who participate in hearings, investigations, legislative 5 inquiries or court actions; and prescribing remedies and 6 penalties," further providing for definitions. 8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows: Section 1. The definition of "public body" in section 2 of 10 11 the act of December 12, 1986 (P.L.1559, No.169), known as the 12 Whistleblower Law, is amended by adding a paragraph to read: Section 2. Definitions. 13 14 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall 15 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the 16 context clearly indicates otherwise: 17 * * * "Public body." All of the following: 18 * * * 19 20 (2.1) The Supreme Court, Superior Court, Commonwealth

- 1 Court, court of common pleas, minor judiciary or other body
- 2 <u>in the judicial branch of State government.</u>
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- 4 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.