THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Recent Actions during the 2016 Regular Session of the General Assembly

The following is a summary of recent actions of the General Assembly during the 2016 Regular Session:

Doc. No.	Date of Action	Bill Number	Printer's Number	Effective Date	Subject Matter
2016 General Acts of Regular Session Enacted—Act 001 through 008					
001	Feb 3	SB0880	PN1411	Immediately	Public School Code of 1949—Keystone Ex- ams
002	Feb 5	HB1201	PN1576	60 days	Authorizing the Department of Highways to take over the highways—repealed
003	Feb 5	SB0494	PN0442	Immediately	Flood Insurance Education and Informa- tion Act—flood insurance education and information
004	Feb 16	HB0158	PN2721	Immediately*	Public School Code of 1949—criminal his- tory of employees and prospective employ- ees; conviction of certain offenses and secretary declaration of emergencies
005	Feb 16	SB0166	PN1517	270 days	Crimes Code (18 Pa.C.S.) and Judicial Code (42 Pa.C.S.)—general regulations, order for limited access and petition for expungement or order for limited access fee
006	Feb 23	HB0561	PN0634	Immediately	Local Tax Enabling Act—definitions
007	Feb 23	HB0941	PN2662	Immediately	Administrative Code of 1929—omnibus amendments
008	Feb 23	SB0479	PN0437	Immediately	Edward W. Helfrick Resource Manage- ment Center—designation
2016 Joint Resolutions of Regular Session Passed—JR 001					
001	Jan 27	HB0153	PN1318		Constitution of Pennsylvania—reducing the size of the General Assembly

* denotes an effective date with exceptions

Effective Dates of Statutes

The effective dates specified above for laws and appropriation acts were contained in the applicable law or appropriation act. Where no date is specified or where the effective date specified is prior to the date of enactment, the effective date is 60 days after final enactment except for statutes making appropriations or affecting budgets of political subdivisions. See 1 Pa.C.S. §§ 1701–1704 (relating to effective dates of statutes).

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