

# THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## Recent Actions During the 1996 Regular and Special Sessions of the General Assembly

The following is a summary of recent actions of the General Assembly during the 1996 Regular and Special Sessions.

### 1996 ACTS—Acts 11 through 17 (numerical)

<i>Act No.</i>	<i>Enactment Date</i>	<i>Bill No.</i>	<i>Printer's No.</i>	<i>Effective Date</i>	<i>Subject Matter</i>
1996-11	Mar. 21	SB37	PN1729	60 days	Crimes Code (18 Pa.C.S.)—omnibus amendments
1996-12	Mar. 21	SB712	PN1747	Immediately*	Military Affairs (51 Pa.C.S.)—omnibus amendments
1996-13	Mar. 29	SB399	PN1773	Immediately	Game and Wildlife Code (34 Pa.C.S.)—omnibus amendments
1996-14	Mar. 29	HB1973	PN2430	Immediately	Local Government Unit Debt Act—authorization to pledge proceeds of certain bonds or notes
1996-15	Mar. 29	HB1578	PN3187	Immediately	Hepatitis B Prevention Act—enactment
1996-16	Mar. 29	SB708	PN1824	Immediately	Public School Code of 1949—granting tenure to professional employes, causes for terminating professional contracts and rating professional employes
1996-17	Mar. 29	HB1927	PN3270	Immediately*	Judiciary and Judicial Procedure (42 Pa.C.S.)—detention of children in jails and other offenses

\*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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Section 1106 of Title 1 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes provides that the prothonotaries of each county shall file advance copies of statutes in their offices for public inspection until the Laws of Pennsylvania are generally available. Section 2406(h) of The Administrative Code of 1929 provides that the Department of General Services shall distribute advance sheets of the Laws of Pennsylvania to each law judge of the courts, to every county and public library of this Commonwealth, and to each member of the General Assembly. These copies shall be furnished without charge. The Department shall also mail one copy of each law enacted during any legislative session to any person who pays to it the sum of \$20.

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### Legislative Bills and Documents

Copies of Senate Bills and Documents may be obtained from: Document Room, Senate of Pennsylvania, Room 34A, Main Capitol Building, Harrisburg, PA 17120, telephone (717) 787-6732.

Copies of House Bills and Documents may be obtained from: Document Room, House of Representatives, 35 Main Capitol Building, Harrisburg, PA 17120, telephone (717) 787-5320.

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