

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 912 Session of 2023

INTRODUCED BY SHUSTERMAN, SCHLOSSBERG, PROBST, VITALI, SANCHEZ, VENKAT, MADDEN, CIRESI, FIEDLER, STURLA, FREEMAN, KINKEAD, FRANKEL, OTTEN, SCHWEYER, BOROWSKI, GUENST, WARREN AND KINSEY, APRIL 17, 2023

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, JUNE 7, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in inchoate crimes, further providing
3 for possession of firearm or other dangerous weapon in court
4 facility.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Section 913(e) 913(B) (3), (D) AND (E) and the <--
8 definition of "court facility" in subsection (f) of Title 18 of
9 the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

10 § 913. Possession of firearm or other dangerous weapon in court
11 facility.

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13 (B) GRADING.-- <--

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15 (3) AN OFFENSE UNDER SUBSECTION (A) (1) IS A SUMMARY
16 OFFENSE IF THE PERSON WAS CARRYING A FIREARM UNDER SECTION
17 6106(B) (RELATING TO FIREARMS NOT TO BE CARRIED WITHOUT A

1 LICENSE) OR 6109 (RELATING TO LICENSES) [AND FAILED TO CHECK  
2 THE FIREARM UNDER SUBSECTION (E) PRIOR TO ENTERING THE COURT  
3 FACILITY].

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5 (D) POSTING OF NOTICE.--NOTICE OF THE PROVISIONS OF  
6 [SUBSECTIONS (A) AND (E)] SUBSECTION (A) SHALL BE POSTED  
7 CONSPICUOUSLY AT EACH PUBLIC ENTRANCE TO EACH COURTHOUSE OR  
8 OTHER BUILDING CONTAINING A COURT FACILITY AND EACH COURT  
9 FACILITY, AND NO PERSON SHALL BE CONVICTED OF AN OFFENSE UNDER  
10 SUBSECTION (A) (1) WITH RESPECT TO A COURT FACILITY IF THE NOTICE  
11 WAS NOT SO POSTED AT EACH PUBLIC ENTRANCE TO THE COURTHOUSE OR  
12 OTHER BUILDING CONTAINING A COURT FACILITY AND AT THE COURT  
13 FACILITY UNLESS THE PERSON HAD ACTUAL NOTICE OF THE PROVISIONS  
14 OF SUBSECTION (A).

15 (e) [Facilities for checking firearms or other dangerous  
16 weapons.--Each county shall make available at or within the  
17 building containing a court facility by July 1, 2002, lockers or  
18 similar facilities at no charge or cost for the temporary  
19 checking of firearms by persons carrying firearms under section  
20 6106(b) or 6109 or for the checking of other dangerous weapons  
21 that are not otherwise prohibited by law. Any individual  
22 checking a firearm, dangerous weapon or an item deemed to be a  
23 dangerous weapon at a court facility must be issued a receipt.  
24 Notice of the location of the facility shall be posted as  
25 required under subsection (d)] (Reserved).

26 (f) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following  
27 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this  
28 subsection:

29 "Court facility." The courtroom of a court of record; a  
30 courtroom of a community court; the courtroom of a magisterial

1 district judge; a courtroom of the Philadelphia Municipal Court;  
2 a courtroom of the Pittsburgh Magistrates Court; a courtroom of  
3 the Traffic Court of Philadelphia; judge's chambers; witness  
4 rooms; jury deliberation rooms; attorney conference rooms;  
5 prisoner holding cells; offices of court clerks, the district  
6 attorney, the sheriff and probation and parole officers; and any  
7 lobbies or adjoining corridors.

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