

IN THE SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

Appeal of Talbert

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Senate RTK Appeal 01-2025

FINAL DETERMINATION

May 6, 2025

On May 2, 2025, Charles Talbert (“Requester”) submitted an appeal with this Office pursuant to the Right-to-Know Law (“RTKL”), 65 P.S. § 67.101 *et seq.* A copy of Requester’s appeal is attached hereto and labeled “Requester’s Appeal.”

Upon review of the appeal, it is determined that the appeal must be dismissed because the appeal is insufficient. The appeal does not meet the requirements of 65 P.S. § 67.1101(a)(1), as it does not include copies of the Request, or the Senate Open Records Officer’s response thereto, if any. In fact, the appeal does not specify the agency to which the request was directed. Furthermore, the appeal does not state the grounds upon which Requester asserts that the records sought are legislative records, nor does it address any grounds stated by the agency for denying the request.

The Requester is not prohibited from filing a new RTKL appeal pursuant to the requirements of 65 P.S. § 67.1101(a)(1). The Senate of Pennsylvania’s online appeal form can be accessed at <https://www.secretary.pasen.gov/Resources/documents/RTKL-Request-Appeal-Form.pdf>.

The Senate is not required to take any further action.

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ORDER

AND NOW, this 6th day of May 2025, the appeal is DISMISSED as insufficient. The Senate is not required to take any further action regarding the request.



MICHAEL GERDES
Senate Appeals Officer

APPEALING THIS DECISION TO COMMONWEALTH COURT

Within 30 days of the mailing date of this final determination, either party to this action may appeal the decision to the Commonwealth Court. 65 P.S. § 67.1301. If you have any questions about the procedure to appeal, you may call the Prothonotary of the Commonwealth Court at 717-255-1650.

Requester's Appeal

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April 29, 2025

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Re: RTK Request 2025-18 Talbert

Dear Mr. Gerdes:

I kindly submit this appeal in respect to requests 1 and 3. Both of these requests refers to specific Senate Bills that were the "proposals" of the moving force of the authorization of solitary confinement and mental health treatment for prisoners within this Commonwealth. I am not requesting laws. I specifically seek the Senate Bills that were under consideration before the laws went into effect on these 2 topics. Thanks.

Yours Truly,

Charles Talbert - Paralegal

C.C. File