

This email is regarding H.831, an act relating to requiring the Secretary of State to include the year of passage in the number assigned to acts of the General Assembly.

I want to make two points starting with that I view this bill as both reasonable and eminently useful. It's a constant hassle trying to tease out if Act 156 is discussing a poorly titled law from 2012 (see point two below) or something from 2022 or any other year.

One addition I'd suggest is changing the title and purpose of a bill if that changes during bill development. For example, see Act 156 of 2012.

The bill started off as S.113, but as the session went on, the bill morphed from "An act relating to prevention, identification, and reporting of child abuse and neglect at independent schools" to legislation dealing exclusively with voluntary school district mergers - all while maintaining that original title. That title remains with the bill to this day.

Thank you for your time,
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