

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 2310

Sponsor: SENATOR MARTIN

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1 Amend Bill, page 1, lines 1 through 6, by striking out all of
2 said lines and inserting

3 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), entitled
4 "An act relating to the finances of the State government;
5 providing for cancer control, prevention and research, for
6 ambulatory surgical center data collection, for the Joint
7 Underwriting Association, for entertainment business
8 financial management firms, for private dam financial
9 assurance and for reinstatement of item vetoes; providing for
10 the settlement, assessment, collection, and lien of taxes,
11 bonus, and all other accounts due the Commonwealth, the
12 collection and recovery of fees and other money or property
13 due or belonging to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof,
14 including escheated property and the proceeds of its sale,
15 the custody and disbursement or other disposition of funds
16 and securities belonging to or in the possession of the
17 Commonwealth, and the settlement of claims against the
18 Commonwealth, the resettlement of accounts and appeals to the
19 courts, refunds of moneys erroneously paid to the
20 Commonwealth, auditing the accounts of the Commonwealth and
21 all agencies thereof, of all public officers collecting
22 moneys payable to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof,
23 and all receipts of appropriations from the Commonwealth,
24 authorizing the Commonwealth to issue tax anticipation notes
25 to defray current expenses, implementing the provisions of
26 section 7(a) of Article VIII of the Constitution of
27 Pennsylvania authorizing and restricting the incurring of
28 certain debt and imposing penalties; affecting every
29 department, board, commission, and officer of the State
30 government, every political subdivision of the State, and
31 certain officers of such subdivisions, every person,
32 association, and corporation required to pay, assess, or
33 collect taxes, or to make returns or reports under the laws
34 imposing taxes for State purposes, or to pay license fees or
35 other moneys to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof,
36 every State depository and every debtor or creditor of the
37 Commonwealth," in emergency COVID-19 response, further
38 providing for emergency education relief to nonpublic

1 schools; providing for State Health Insurance Exchange
2 Affordability Program; in Treasury Department, further
3 providing for investment of moneys; in oil and gas wells,
4 further providing for Oil and Gas Lease Fund; in
5 transportation network companies, motor carrier companies and
6 parking authority of a city of the first class; providing for
7 operation of taxicabs; in assessments, further providing for
8 intermediate care facilities for persons with an intellectual
9 disability assessments and for hospital assessments; in
10 Attorney General, providing for costs of investigation and
11 litigation under Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer
12 Protection Law; providing for Pennsylvania Minority Business
13 Development Authority and for Agriculture Innovation Grant
14 Program; in special funds, providing for Pennsylvania
15 Convention Center; in Tobacco Settlement Fund, further
16 providing for establishment of special fund and account and
17 for use of fund; in Pennsylvania Race Horse Development Fund,
18 further providing for distributions from Pennsylvania Race
19 Horse Development Fund; in miscellaneous limitations and
20 transfers, providing for refund of 2009 assessment by
21 Insurance Department; in Clean Streams Funds, further
22 providing for Clean Streams Fund; in Service and
23 Infrastructure Improvement Fund, further providing for
24 deposits; in general budget implementation, further providing
25 for Executive Offices, for Department of Agriculture, for
26 Department of Community and Economic Development, for
27 Department of General Services, for Department of Labor and
28 Industry, for Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency and
29 for Commonwealth Financing Authority, providing for Mixed-Use
30 Revitalization Program, further providing for Supreme Court,
31 for Federal and Commonwealth use of forest land and for
32 Multimodal Transportation Fund and providing for School
33 Safety and Security Fund; in 2023-2024 budget implementation,
34 further providing for Department of Human Services and for
35 Department of Transportation; providing for 2024-2025 budget
36 implementation, for 2024-2025 restrictions on appropriations
37 for funds and accounts, for Streamlining Permits for Economic
38 Expansion and Development Program, for Pennsylvania Strategic
39 Investment to Enhance Sites (PA SITES) Program and for fiscal
40 supplements to statutory programs; making repeals; and making
41 an editorial change.

42 Amend Bill, page 1, lines 9 through 17; pages 2 through 15,
43 lines 1 through 30; page 16, lines 1 through 22; by striking out
44 all of said lines on said pages and inserting

45 Section 1. Section 141-C of the act of April 9, 1929
46 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, is amended by
47 adding a subsection to read:
48 Section 141-C. Emergency education relief to nonpublic schools.

1 * * *

2 (a.2) Unused money.--From the remaining money appropriated
3 for COVID Relief - ARPA - Emergency Assistance to Non-Public
4 Schools, up to \$3,000,000 shall be reallocated to award grants
5 to nonpublic schools. A nonpublic school that qualifies for a
6 grant under this subsection may choose an educational service
7 provider provided through an intermediate unit that is
8 administering a program to award grants under this subsection in
9 accordance with Federal law and guidance.

10 * * *

11 Section 1.1. The act is amended by adding an article to
12 read:

13 ARTICLE II-G

14 STATE HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE AFFORDABILITY PROGRAM

15 Section 201-G. Definitions.

16 The following words and phrases when used in this article
17 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
18 context clearly indicates otherwise:

19 "Account." The Exchange Affordability Assistance Account
20 established under section 203-G.

21 "Affordable Care Act." The Patient Protection and Affordable
22 Care Act (Public Law 111-148, 124 Stat. 119), as amended by the
23 Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 (Public Law
24 111-152, 124 Stat. 1029).

25 "Affordability assistance program." The Affordability
26 Assistance Program established under section 202-G(a).

27 "American Rescue Plan." The American Rescue Plan of 2021
28 (Public Law 117-2, 135 Stat. 4).

29 "Department." The Insurance Department of the Commonwealth.

30 "Eligible individual." An individual or household who meets
31 the financial requirements under section 202-G(b).

32 "Exchange authority." The Pennsylvania Health Insurance
33 Exchange Authority established under 40 Pa.C.S. § 9302(a)
34 (relating to Pennsylvania Health Insurance Exchange Authority).

35 "Health insurance policy." A policy, subscriber contract,
36 certificate or plan issued by an insurer that provides medical
37 or health care coverage. The term includes a dental only and a
38 vision only policy. The term does not include any of the
39 following:

40 (1) An accident only policy.

41 (2) A credit only policy.

42 (3) A long-term care or disability income policy.

43 (4) A specified disease policy.

44 (5) A Medicare supplement policy.

45 (6) A TRICARE policy, including a Civilian Health and
46 Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS)
47 supplement policy.

48 (7) A fixed indemnity policy.

49 (8) A hospital indemnity policy.

50 (9) A worker's compensation policy.

51 (10) An automobile medical payment policy under 75

1 Pa.C.S. (relating to vehicles).

2 (11) A homeowner's insurance policy.

3 (12) Any other similar policies providing for limited
4 benefits.

5 "Medical assistance program." The medical assistance program
6 established under Article IV of the act of June 13, 1967
7 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code.

8 "Reinsurance program." The Commonwealth Health Insurance
9 Reinsurance Program established under 40 Pa.C.S. § 9502(b)
10 (relating to implementation of waiver and establishment of
11 reinsurance program).

12 Section 202-G. Affordability Assistance Program.

13 (a) Establishment.--The Affordability Assistance Program is
14 established under the exchange authority. Beginning in plan year
15 2025, the affordability assistance program shall incentivize
16 enrollment in health insurance policies offered on the exchange
17 as specified under subsection (b) contingent on funds being
18 available under section 203-G.

19 (b) Financial assistance.--The affordability assistance
20 program shall provide financial assistance to eligible
21 individuals purchasing a health insurance policy through the
22 exchange. The exchange authority shall determine the amount of
23 financial assistance based on the adjusted gross income of an
24 individual. The following shall apply:

25 (1) An individual who has an adjusted gross income that
26 is not lower than 151% of the Federal poverty limit and does
27 not exceed 300% of the Federal poverty limit shall be an
28 eligible individual for financial assistance under the
29 affordability assistance program.

30 (2) An individual or household with adjusted gross
31 income that is less than 150% of the Federal poverty limit,
32 but is not eligible for the medical assistance program may
33 be deemed an eligible individual for financial assistance
34 under the affordability assistance program upon the
35 expiration for any reason of Federal subsidies used to
36 incentivize the purchase of health insurance policies through
37 the exchange provided under the American Rescue Plan.

38 (c) Limitations.--Financial assistance to an eligible
39 individual under this section may not be used to incentivize the
40 purchase of a bronze level plan defined in 42 U.S.C. § 18022
41 (relating to essential health benefits requirements).

42 (d) Requirements of exchange authority.--The affordability
43 assistance program shall be subject 40 Pa.C.S. Ch. 93 (relating
44 to State-based exchange) pertaining statutory requirements on
45 the operations of the exchange authority, including 40 Pa.C.S.
46 §§ 9310 (relating to audits) and 9311 (relating to reports).
47 Section 203-G. Exchange Affordability Assistance Account.

48 A restricted account is established in the State Treasury to
49 be known as the Exchange Affordability Assistance Account. Money
50 in the account shall include any of the following:

51 (1) Money received as part of a disbursement from the

1 Joint Underwriters Association shall be deposited into the
2 account to be used by the exchange in accordance with section
3 202-G.

4 (2) Money appropriated by the General Assembly.

5 (3) Up to \$50,000,000 may be used each year for the
6 program from funds received under paragraph (1).

7 Section 204-G. Application for State Reinsurance Program.

8 (a) Application.--Notwithstanding the provisions of 40
9 Pa.C.S. § 9501(a) (relating to application), the department
10 shall, no later than 180 days after the effective date of this
11 subsection, shall apply to the United States Secretary of Health
12 and Human Services under section 1332 of the Affordable Care Act
13 for a state innovation waiver to:

14 (1) waive the applicable provisions of the Affordable
15 Care Act with respect to health insurance coverage in this
16 Commonwealth;

17 (2) establish a reinsurance program in accordance with
18 an approved waiver; and

19 (3) maximize Federal funding for the reinsurance program
20 for plan years beginning on or after implementation of the
21 reinsurance program.

22 (b) (Reserved).

23 Section 2. Section 301.1(i)(2) of the act is amended to
24 read:

25 Section 301.1. Investment of Moneys.--* * *

26 (i) * * *

27 (2) The authority to invest or reinvest the moneys of any
28 fund pursuant to this subsection shall expire December 31,
29 [2024] 2034. The Treasury Department may maintain investments
30 pursuant to this subsection which are in existence on the
31 expiration date in this paragraph for not more than two years
32 following such expiration date.

33 Section 3. Section 1601.2-E(e)(1)(ii) of the act, amended
34 December 13, 2023 (P.L.251, No.34), is amended to read:

35 Section 1601.2-E. Oil and Gas Lease Fund.

36 * * *

37 (e) Annual transfers.--The following apply:

38 (1) * * *

39 (ii) No amount shall be transferred from the fund to
40 the Marcellus Legacy Fund for distribution to the
41 Environmental Stewardship Fund for the 2019-2020, 2020-
42 2021, 2021-2022, 2022-2023 [and], 2023-2024 and 2024-2025
43 fiscal year.

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45 Section 4. The act is amended by adding sections to read:
46 Section 1608-M. Operation as taxicab.

47 (a) Prohibition.--Notwithstanding 53 Pa.C.S. §§ 5714
48 (relating to certificate and medallion required) and 57B02(c)(6)
49 (relating to regulation of taxicabs and limousines), the
50 following vehicles may not continue in operation as a taxicab:

51 (1) Except as provided under paragraph (2), a vehicle

1 that is more than 10 model years old.

2 (2) A vehicle that is more than 12 model years old if
3 the vehicle is an alternative fuel vehicle.

4 (3) A vehicle that has been driven more than 350,000
5 miles.

6 (b) Authorization.--Notwithstanding subsection (a), the
7 authority may authorize the operation of antique vehicles in
8 call or demand service in circumstances as the authority may
9 deem appropriate.

10 (c) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
11 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
12 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

13 "Alternative fuel vehicle." As defined in section 2 of the
14 act of November 29, 2004 (P.L.1376, No.178) known as the
15 Alternative Fuels Incentive Act.

16 "Authority." As defined in 53 Pa.C.S. § 5701 (relating to
17 definitions).

18 "Taxicab." As defined in 53 Pa.C.S. § 5701.
19 Section 1602-O. Intermediate care facilities for persons with
20 an intellectual disability assessments.

21 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the assessments
22 authorized and implemented under Article VIII-C of the act of
23 June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code,
24 shall continue and remain in effect until June 30, 2029. The
25 assessments shall remain subject to the provisions of Article
26 VIII-C of the Human Services Code.

27 Section 1603-O. Hospital assessments.

28 (a) Assessments.--Notwithstanding any other provision of
29 law, the assessments authorized and implemented under Article
30 VIII-E of the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the
31 Human Services Code, shall continue and remain in effect until
32 June 30, 2029, except as otherwise provided under this section.
33 Beginning July 1, 2024, the following shall apply:

34 (1) In order to generate additional revenues for the
35 purpose of assuring that medical assistance recipients have
36 access to hospital and other health care services, and
37 subject to the conditions and requirements specified under
38 Article VIII-E of the Human Services Code, a municipality
39 may, by ordinance, impose an assessment on the following:

40 (i) Each general acute care hospital.

41 (ii) Each high-volume Medicaid hospital.

42 (iii) Each cancer hospital.

43 (iv) Each children's hospital.

44 (2) A municipality shall, by ordinance, establish the
45 assessment imposed under paragraph (1) as a percentage of
46 each hospital's net patient revenue reduced by all revenues
47 received from Medicare for the year as the municipality shall
48 specify, and may establish different assessment percentages
49 as follows:

50 (i) An assessment percentage for a hospital
51 identified under paragraph (1)(i) and (iii).

1 (ii) An assessment percentage for a hospital
2 identified under paragraph (1)(ii).

3 (iii) An assessment percentage for a hospital
4 identified under paragraph (1)(iv).

5 (3) A municipality may include appropriate
6 administrative provisions in an ordinance adopted under
7 paragraph (2), including, without limitation, provisions for
8 the collection of interest and penalties and provisions for
9 the calculation and imposition of the assessment on a
10 hospital subject to the assessment which, during a fiscal
11 year in which the assessment is imposed, changes ownership or
12 control, begins operations, closes or experiences any other
13 change that affects the hospital's status as a general acute
14 care hospital, high-volume Medicaid hospital, cancer hospital
15 or children's hospital.

16 (4) Notwithstanding section 804-E(b)(2) of the Human
17 Services Code, funds in the restricted account established
18 under section 804-E(b) shall be used by the Department of
19 Human Services to make payments to medical assistance managed
20 care organizations for additional payments for health care
21 services within the municipality.

22 (5) The Secretary of Human Services shall seek Federal
23 approval from the United States Department of Health and
24 Human Services as necessary to make the payments authorized
25 under paragraph (4) and section 804-E(b) of the Human
26 Services Code.

27 (b) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
28 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
29 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

30 "Cancer hospital." A free-standing acute care hospital
31 organized primarily for the treatment of and research on cancer
32 and which is an exempt hospital as defined in section 801-G of
33 the Human Services Code.

34 "Children's hospital." A hospital that is a type of hospital
35 excluded under 42 CFR 412.23(d) (relating to excluded hospitals:
36 classifications) from reimbursement of certain Federal funds
37 under the prospective payment system specified under 42 CFR Pt.
38 412 (relating to prospective payment systems for inpatient
39 hospital services).

40 "General acute care hospital." A hospital other than a
41 hospital that the Secretary of Human Services has determined
42 meets one of the following:

43 (1) Is a type of hospital excluded under 42 CFR
44 412.23(a), (b), (e) or (f) from reimbursement of certain
45 Federal funds under the prospective payment system specified
46 under 42 CFR Pt. 412.

47 (2) Is a Federal veterans' affairs hospital.

48 (3) Is a high-volume Medicaid hospital.

49 (4) Provides care, including inpatient hospital
50 services, to all patients free of charge.

51 (5) Is a cancer hospital.

1 retirement of all bonds, debts and obligations of the
2 authority.

3 (2) All property, funds and assets of the authority
4 shall be vested in the Commonwealth.

5 ARTICLE XVI-Z

6 AGRICULTURE INNOVATION GRANT PROGRAM

7 Section 1601-Z. Scope of article.

8 This article relates to the Agriculture Innovation Grant
9 Program.

10 Section 1602-Z. Purpose.

11 It is the intent of the General Assembly to offer
12 reimbursement grants to promote and support agricultural
13 innovation to ensure the competitiveness, resiliency,
14 environmental stewardship and vitality of farms, agribusinesses
15 and agricultural support services in this Commonwealth.

16 Section 1603-Z. Definitions.

17 The following words and phrases when used in this article
18 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
19 context clearly indicates otherwise:

20 "Agricultural commodity." As defined in the act of June 10,
21 1982 (P.L.454, No.133), referred to as the Right-to-Farm Law.

22 "Conservation district." As defined in 3 Pa.C.S. § 503
23 (relating to definitions).

24 "Cooperative association." As defined in 3 Pa.C.S. § 4502
25 (relating to definitions).

26 "Department." The Department of Agriculture of the
27 Commonwealth.

28 "Eligible applicant." An applicant that meets one of the
29 following criteria:

30 (1) A person who grows an agricultural commodity and who
31 has anticipated sales greater than \$2,000 per year.

32 (2) A person who processes an agricultural commodity and
33 has anticipated sales greater than \$10,000 per year.

34 (3) A person who provides technical assistance or
35 services to farmers for conservation, engineering, veterinary
36 care, animal disease management, farm management,
37 agricultural commodity production, nutrient management or
38 similar services.

39 (4) A person or cooperative association that utilizes
40 agricultural commodities to create products or energy.

41 "Innovation." The practical implementation of ideas that
42 results in new products, processes or services.

43 "Lending institution." As defined under 3 Pa.C.S. § 603
44 (relating to definitions).

45 "Licensed doctor of veterinary medicine." A person who is
46 currently licensed under the act of December 27, 1974 (P.L.995,
47 No.326), known as the Veterinary Medicine Practice Act.

48 "Person." An individual, partnership, association, firm,
49 corporation or any other legal entity.

50 "Program." The Agriculture Innovation Grant Program
51 established under section 1604-Z.

1 Section 1604-Z. Agriculture Innovation Grant Program.

2 The Agriculture Innovation Grant Program is established
3 within the department. The program shall be administered by the
4 department to provide reimbursement grants to eligible
5 applicants for costs associated with one or more of the
6 following:

7 (1) Utilization of innovation to improve energy
8 efficiency, improve water quality, reduce water consumption,
9 reduce odors or address solid waste concerns.

10 (2) Utilization of innovation to improve production,
11 processing, commercialization or utilization of agricultural
12 commodities.

13 (3) Innovation that produces energy from agricultural
14 sources, including manure, food waste or biomass.

15 (4) Innovation equipment that provides low-carbon or no-
16 carbon energy sources from agricultural commodities.

17 (5) Innovation technology that assists eligible
18 applicants with the management of their farms, including
19 diagnostic tools and services.

20 (6) Innovation technology that assists a packer,
21 processor or cooperative in more efficient sorting, grading
22 or processing of agricultural commodities.

23 (7) Innovation that improves biosecurity or health of
24 plants or animals.

25 (8) Innovation that supports cybersecurity or data
26 analytics.

27 Section 1605-Z. Board (Reserved).

28 Section 1606-Z. Grant funds and eligibility.

29 (a) Innovation planning project grant.--An eligible
30 applicant may apply for a grant to develop a strategic plan to
31 utilize innovation to improve agricultural practices,
32 technologies, operations or approaches within a specific
33 business, geographic area or network. The following shall apply
34 to a grant under this subsection:

35 (1) The amount of a grant shall be no less than \$7,500
36 and no more than \$50,000.

37 (2) A grantee must use non-State sourced matching funds
38 equal to at least 30% of the grant amount for the project.

39 (b) On-site project grant.--An eligible applicant may apply
40 for a grant for a project that focuses on implementing
41 innovation practices, technologies or approaches on an
42 individual farm or property producing or processing an
43 agricultural commodity. The following shall apply to a grant
44 under this subsection:

45 (1) The amount of the grant shall be no less than \$5,000
46 and no more than \$200,000.

47 (2) A grantee must use non-State sourced matching funds
48 equal to at least 50% of the grant amount for the project.

49 (c) Regional impact project grant.--An eligible applicant
50 may apply for a grant for a project designed to address
51 challenges, promote efficiencies or achieve specific goals for

1 multiple eligible applicants. The following shall apply to a
2 grant under this subsection:

3 (1) The amount of the grant shall be no less than
4 \$100,000 and no more than \$2,000,000.

5 (2) The grantee must use non-State sourced matching
6 funds equal to at least 50% of the grant amount for the
7 project.

8 (3) The project must impact two or more persons or
9 businesses or be a cooperative association that grows,
10 harvests, processes, packs or manages an agricultural
11 commodity.

12 Section 1607-Z. Funding.

13 The department shall accept funds from the following sources:

14 (1) Money appropriated to the department for the
15 purposes of this article.

16 (2) Gifts or donations of money, securities or other
17 personal property except real estate, which, or the income of
18 which, shall be used to carry out the purposes of this
19 article.

20 Section 1608-Z. Limitation of grants.

21 (a) Limitation.--A grant under section 1606-Z may only be
22 awarded to the extent money is appropriated by the General
23 Assembly or provided by other sources.

24 (b) Approval of grant.--The department may approve a grant
25 that is less than the requested amount.

26 (c) Conditions.--The department may impose restrictions or
27 special conditions upon issuance of a grant.

28 (d) Reimbursement grants.--

29 (1) A grant awarded under section 1606-Z shall be a
30 reimbursement grant. The amount of reimbursement shall be
31 based on actual costs submitted by an approved eligible
32 applicant for a project awarded a grant during any fiscal
33 year in which grants are offered.

34 (2) Grant money shall not be used to reimburse any
35 portion of an in-kind contribution to an eligible project.

36 (3) Grant money may not be used to pay or reimburse
37 wages or salaries of a grant recipient or grant recipient
38 staff.

39 (4) Grant money may not be used to reimburse any portion
40 of project costs that are paid or reimbursed under another
41 Federal or State grant program.

42 (e) Cap on grants.--A single eligible applicant may not be
43 awarded more than \$2,000,000 in a fiscal year.

44 Section 1609-Z. Applications and disposition of grants.

45 (a) Submission.--Applications for grants shall be submitted
46 in a manner and on a form as prescribed by the department.

47 (b) Written agreement.--The department may require a written
48 agreement describing the terms and conditions of the grant.

49 (c) Verification.--The department may require verification
50 of grant expenditures.

51 (d) Criteria.--The department may establish criteria under

1 which the department may demand the return of all or a portion
2 of the grant money.

3 Section 1610-Z. Regulations.

4 The department shall administer the provisions of this
5 article and shall prescribe and adopt program policy guidelines
6 or regulations to administer and enforce this article.

7 Section 6. The act is amended by adding a section to read:
8 Section 1777-A. Pennsylvania Convention Center.

9 (a) Extension.--The Commonwealth is authorized, through the
10 Office of the Budget and the Department of General Services, to
11 extend the termination date of the operating agreement until
12 December 31, 2069.

13 (b) Definition.--As used in this section, the term
14 "operating agreement" means an agreement between the
15 Commonwealth, a city of the first class and a convention center
16 authority established under 64 Pa.C.S. Ch. 60 (relating to
17 Pennsylvania Convention Center Authority) and executed prior to
18 the effective date of this subsection.

19 Section 7. Section 1712-A.1(a)(2)(ii) of the act, amended
20 December 13, 2023 (P.L.251, No.34), is amended to read:
21 Section 1712-A.1. Establishment of special fund and account.

22 (a) Tobacco Settlement Fund.--

23 * * *

24 (2) The following shall be deposited into the Tobacco
25 Settlement Fund:

26 * * *

27 (ii) For fiscal years 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-
28 2022, 2022-2023 [and], 2023-2024 and 2024-2025, an amount
29 equal to the annual debt service due in the fiscal year
30 as certified by the Secretary of the Budget pursuant to
31 section 2804 of the Tax Reform Code of 1971, as published
32 in the Pennsylvania Bulletin on March 3, 2018, at 48
33 Pa.B. 1406, shall be transferred to the fund from the
34 taxes collected under Article XII of the Tax Reform Code
35 of 1971 by April 30 following the beginning of the fiscal
36 year. A deposit under this paragraph shall occur prior to
37 the deposits and transfers under section 1296 of the Tax
38 Reform Code of 1971.

39 * * *

40 Section 8. Section 1713-A.1(b)(1.8) introductory paragraph
41 and (ii)(B)(II) of the act, amended December 13, 2023 (P.L.251,
42 No.34), are amended and the section is amended by adding a
43 subsection to read:

44 Section 1713-A.1. Use of fund.

45 * * *

46 (b) Appropriations.--The following shall apply:

47 * * *

48 (1.8) For fiscal years 2021-2022, 2022-2023 [and], 2023-
49 2024 and 2024-2025, the General Assembly shall appropriate
50 money in the fund in accordance with the following
51 percentages based on the sum of the portion of the annual

1 payment deposited and the amount deposited under section
2 1712-A.1(a)(2)(ii) in the fiscal year:

3 * * *

4 (ii) Twelve and six-tenths percent to be allocated
5 as follows:

6 * * *

7 (B) Thirty percent as follows:

8 * * *

9 (II) From the amount remaining after the
10 amount under subclause (I) has been determined
11 and notwithstanding any provisions of Chapter 9
12 of the Tobacco Settlement Act to the contrary:

13 (a) Seventy-five percent for pediatric
14 cancer research institutions within this
15 Commonwealth that are equipped and actively
16 conducting pediatric cancer research
17 designated by the Secretary of Health to be
18 eligible to receive contributions. No more
19 than \$2,500,000 in a fiscal year shall be
20 made available to any one pediatric cancer
21 research institution.

22 (b) [Twenty-five] For fiscal years 2021-
23 2022, 2022-2023 and 2023-2024, twenty-five
24 percent for capital and equipment grants to
25 an entity or entities engaging in
26 biotechnology research, including an entity
27 or entities engaging in regenerative medicine
28 research, regenerative medicine medical
29 technology research, hepatitis and viral
30 research, drug research and clinical trials
31 related to cancer, research relating to
32 pulmonary embolism and deep vein thrombosis,
33 genetic and molecular research for disease
34 identification and eradication, vaccine
35 immune response diagnostics, nanotechnology
36 research and the commercialization of applied
37 research, as designated by the Secretary of
38 Health.

39 (c) Beginning in fiscal year 2024-2025,
40 twenty-five percent for research grants for
41 biomedical research institutions to research
42 Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, Alzheimer's
43 disease, Huntington's disease, Parkinson's
44 disease and other neurodegenerative diseases,
45 as designated by the Secretary of Health.

46 * * *

47 (b.1) Uncommitted amounts.--Notwithstanding subsection (b)
48 (1.8)(ii)(B)(II)(a), remaining amounts uncommitted, unencumbered
49 or unexpended as of June 30, 2024, under subsection (b)(1.8)(ii)
50 (B)(II)(a) from fiscal years 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 shall be
51 allocated to pediatric cancer research institutions within this

1 Commonwealth that are equipped and actively conducting pediatric
2 cancer research designated by the Secretary of Health to be
3 eligible to receive contributions but did not receive funds
4 during these periods. Amounts shall be distributed no later than
5 June 30, 2025, and shall be allocated equally between qualifying
6 institutions under this subsection.

7 * * *

8 Section 9. Section 1723-A.1(a)(2)(i.8) of the act is amended
9 by adding a clause and subsection (a)(3) is amended by adding a
10 subparagraph to read:

11 Section 1723-A.1. Distributions from Pennsylvania Race Horse
12 Development Fund.

13 (a) Distributions.--Funds in the fund are appropriated to
14 the department on a continuing basis for the purposes set forth
15 in this subsection and shall be distributed to each active and
16 operating Category 1 licensee conducting live racing as follows:

17 * * *

18 (2) Distributions from the fund shall be allocated as
19 follows:

20 * * *

21 (i.8) The following apply:

22 * * *

23 (D) For fiscal year 2024-2025, the sum of
24 \$5,309,000 in the fund shall be transferred to the
25 account in equal weekly amounts sufficient to
26 complete the total transfer by June 30, 2025.

27 * * *

28 (3) The following shall apply:

29 * * *

30 (ix) For fiscal year 2024-2025, the department shall
31 transfer \$10,425,000 from the fund to the State Racing
32 Fund under subsection (b).

33 * * *

34 Section 9.1. Subarticle D heading of Article XVII-A.1 is
35 amended to read:

36 SUBARTICLE D

37 MISCELLANEOUS LIMITATIONS [AND], TRANSFERS AND REFUNDS

38 Section 9.2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:
39 Section 1739-A.1. Refund of 2009 assessment by Insurance
40 Department.

41 (a) Refund.--A carrier may submit a form developed under
42 subsection (c) to the Insurance Department for a refund of the
43 assessment paid by the carrier as required by Notice 2010-01
44 published at 40 Pa.B. 498 (January 16, 2010). The amount of the
45 refund shall equal the amount of the assessment, plus interest.

46 (b) Submission.--Within 30 days of the effective date of
47 this subsection, the Insurance Department shall submit notice to
48 the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in the next
49 available issue of the Pennsylvania Bulletin advising carriers
50 of the availability of a refund. The notice shall include all of
51 the following information.

1 (1) The name of each carrier eligible for a refund.
2 (2) The names, addresses, email addresses and telephone
3 numbers of Insurance Department officials responsible for
4 responding to questions regarding the refund.

5 (3) An Internet link to the Insurance Department's form.

6 (4) The form submission process and the date on which
7 forms are due to the Insurance Department.

8 (c) Form.--The Insurance Department shall develop the form
9 to be used by a carrier requesting a refund. The form shall
10 require sufficient information for the Insurance Department to
11 verify the information submitted by the carrier.

12 (d) Eligibility.--To be eligible to receive a refund under
13 this section, the carrier must submit the form by the close of
14 business on the date established by the Insurance Department
15 under subsection (b) (4).

16 (e) Issuance.--The Insurance Department shall issue a refund
17 to the carrier within 60 days of receipt of the form for the
18 amount of assessment verified by the Insurance Department in
19 accordance with this section.

20 (f) Carriers in liquidation.--A carrier in liquidation in
21 calendar year 2009 may not receive a refund under this section.

22 (g) Report.--No later than 180 days after the final refund
23 under subsection (e) is made, the Insurance Department shall
24 report the aggregate amount of refunds requested and made under
25 this section to the following:

26 (1) The chairperson and minority chairperson of the
27 Appropriations Committee of the Senate.

28 (2) The chairperson and minority chairperson of the
29 Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives.

30 (3) The chairperson and minority chairperson of the
31 Banking and Insurance Committee of the Senate.

32 (4) The chairperson and minority chairperson of the
33 Insurance Committee of the House of Representatives.

34 (h) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
35 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
36 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

37 "Carrier." As defined in section 2 of the act of July 1,
38 1937 (P.L.2532, No.470), known as the Workers' Compensation
39 Security Fund Act.

40 Section 9.3. Section 1712-A.2(c) heading and introductory
41 paragraph of the act is amended and the section is amended by
42 adding a subsection to read:

43 Section 1712-A.2. Clean Streams Fund.

44 * * *

45 (c) Distribution for fiscal years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024.--
46 [Money] For fiscal years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024, money
47 deposited into the fund under subsection (b) shall be
48 distributed as follows:

49 * * *

50 (d) Distribution beginning in fiscal year 2024-2025.--
51 Beginning in fiscal year 2024-2025, money deposited into the

1 fund under subsection (b) shall be distributed as follows:

2 (1) Seventy one and one-half of one percent to the State
3 Conservation Commission established under the Conservation
4 District Law, to implement the Agriculture Conservation
5 Assistance Program under Article XVI-R.

6 (2) Twelve percent to the Pennsylvania Infrastructure
7 Investment Authority to implement the Pennsylvania Clean
8 Water Procurement Program under Article XVI-S.

9 (3) Ten percent to the Nutrient Management Fund
10 established under 3 Pa.C.S. § 512.

11 (4) Four percent to the Department of Environmental
12 Protection for grants and reimbursements to municipalities
13 and counties under section 17 of the Storm Water Management
14 Act.

15 (5) One-half of one percent to the Department of
16 Conservation and Natural Resources for the Keystone Tree
17 Restricted Account established under 27 Pa.C.S. § 6602.

18 (6) Two percent to the Acid Mine Drainage Abatement and
19 Treatment Fund.

20 Section 10. Section 1742-A.2(a) of the act, added December
21 13, 2023 (P.L.251, No.34), is amended to read:

22 Section 1742-A.2. Deposits.

23 (a) Deposits.--From the contributions paid under section
24 301.4 of the Unemployment Compensation Law, [for] the following
25 amounts shall be deposited into the fund:

26 (1) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, the
27 amount to be deposited into the fund under this subsection
28 shall be \$65,000,000.

29 (2) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, the
30 amount to be deposited into the fund under this subsection
31 shall be \$68,000,000.

32 * * *

33 Section 11. Section 1712-E of the act is amended by adding
34 subsections to read:

35 Section 1712-E. Executive Offices.

36 * * *

37 (e) Transfers to Department of Corrections.--The Secretary
38 of the Budget shall have the following duties:

39 (1) Provide notice to the State Treasurer that money
40 received by the Commonwealth under the American Rescue Plan
41 Act of 2021 (Public Law 117-2, 135 Stat. 4) that was
42 deposited in and appropriated from the COVID-19 Response
43 Restricted Account for use by State agencies which remains
44 unexpended, uncommitted or unencumbered as of December 20,
45 2024, shall be transferred by the State Treasurer to the
46 Department of Corrections by December 30, 2024, and allocated
47 for payroll expenses or similar expenses incurred by the
48 Department of Corrections on or after March 3, 2021, as
49 specified in the guidance issued by the United States
50 Department of the Treasury.

51 (2) By December 31, 2024, submit a report in writing to

1 the chairperson and minority chairperson of the
2 Appropriations Committee of the Senate and the chairperson
3 and minority chairperson of the Appropriations Committee of
4 the House of Representatives concerning all transfers made
5 under paragraph (1). The report under this paragraph shall
6 identify each COVID-19 Response Restricted Account
7 appropriation from which money is transferred to the
8 Department of Corrections, the amount transferred from each
9 appropriation, the total amount of money allocated to the
10 Department of Corrections and any other relevant information
11 as determined by the Secretary of the Budget.

12 (f) Enterprise and Technology Restricted Account.--

13 (1) The Enterprise and Technology Restricted Account is
14 established in the General Fund. No later than 60 days after
15 the effective date of this paragraph, the Secretary of the
16 Budget shall transfer \$65,000,000 to the account from money
17 appropriated to agencies under the Governor's jurisdiction
18 for fiscal years 2023-2024 and prior, which remains
19 unexpended, unencumbered or uncommitted. Money in the account
20 is appropriated on a continuing basis as follows:

21 (i) \$38,000,000 for the Enterprise Systems Lifecycle
22 project in the Office of the Budget.

23 (ii) \$21,000,000 for the Commonwealth Office of
24 Digital Experience in the Office of Administration.

25 (iii) \$6,000,000 for the Teacher Information
26 Management System and Professional Education Management
27 Records System projects in the Department of Education.

28 (2) No later than 10 days before the transfer under
29 paragraph (1), the Secretary of the Budget shall provide a
30 list of appropriations and the amounts transferred to the
31 chairperson and minority chairperson of the Appropriations
32 Committee of the Senate and the chairperson and minority
33 chairperson of the Appropriations Committee of the House of
34 Representatives.

35 Section 12. Section 1718-E(a) of the act is amended by
36 adding paragraphs to read:

37 Section 1718-E. Department of Agriculture.

38 (a) Appropriations.--The following shall apply to
39 appropriations for the Department of Agriculture:

40 * * *

41 (4) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, from
42 remaining money allocated for highly pathogenic avian
43 influenza prior to fiscal year 2024-2025, the following shall
44 apply:

45 (i) The department may expend up to \$6,000,000 for a
46 new animal diagnostic and testing laboratory in the
47 western region of this Commonwealth.

48 (ii) The department may expend money to deploy rapid
49 testing services and equipment to areas experiencing
50 outbreaks or potential outbreaks of pathogens affecting
51 avian livestock.

1 Keystone Opportunity Improvement Zone Act, and any owner of any
2 portion of the real property shall, for a time period not to
3 expire until the actual expiration of all of the Keystone
4 Opportunity Zone, Keystone Opportunity Expansion Zone and
5 Keystone Opportunity Improvement Zone designations of any
6 portion of the entire real property, be entitled to the same
7 State tax benefits and relief afforded to such parties as if the
8 real property in question were entirely designated as a Keystone
9 Opportunity Zone, Keystone Opportunity Expansion Zone and
10 Keystone Opportunity Improvement Zone. The real property must:

11 * * *

12 (3) be entirely owned by one entity and/or an affiliate;
13 and

14 * * *

15 Section 13.1. Section 1724-E of the act is amended by adding
16 a subsection to read:

17 Section 1724-E. Department of General Services.

18 * * *

19 (d) Quitclaim and release of conditions affecting property
20 in the City and County of Philadelphia.--

21 (1) The Department of General Services, with the
22 approval of the Governor, is hereby authorized on behalf of
23 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to quitclaim and release to
24 Programs Employing People, Inc., successor to Programs for
25 Exceptional People, for a consideration of \$1, any right,
26 title or interest it may have with respect to certain
27 conditions contained in the prior deed from the Commonwealth
28 of Pennsylvania to Programs for Exceptional People and Its
29 Successor, Programs Employing People, Inc., dated August 31,
30 1995, and recorded in the Department of Records of the City
31 of Philadelphia at Deed Book 1093 Page 78, which conditions
32 were required to be included in such deed by section 3 of the
33 act of July 1, 1994, (P.L.387, No.60).

34 (2) The conditions to be released pursuant to paragraph
35 (1) are as follows:

36 UNDER AND SUBJECT to the condition that any income or
37 proceeds derived from the building conveyed hereto shall
38 be utilized for the expansion and/or enhancement of the
39 Community Mental Retardation Services. Utilization of
40 said funds shall be determined by the Regional Program
41 Manager of the Department of Public Welfare, Office of
42 Mental Retardation Administrator and the Philadelphia
43 County Mental Retardation Administrator. Additionally,
44 the Secretary of Public Welfare shall give written
45 approval of the utilization of the proceeds.

46 ALSO UNDER AND SUBJECT to the condition that the
47 selling or transferring of the above property requires
48 the prior written approval of the Secretaries of General
49 Services and Public Welfare, their assigns or successors
50 in function.

51 ALSO UNDER AND SUBJECT to the condition that no sale

1 or other transfer of the above property shall be
2 permitted earlier than one year following the conveyance
3 of the same property by the Department of General
4 Services.

5 (3) The property affected by the conditions referenced
6 in paragraph (1) is described as follows:

7 All that certain lot and building known as 1200-2-4-
8 6-8 South Broad Street, southwest corner of Federal
9 Street through to South Carlisle Street with dimensions
10 of 125 feet on South Broad Street by 178 feet 2 5/8
11 inches on Federal Street by 133 feet 8 inches on South
12 Carlisle Street located in the City of Philadelphia,
13 Philadelphia County.

14 Containing 23,015 square feet.

15 (4) The quitclaim deed and any other legal instruments
16 necessary to effectuate the quitclaim and release of any
17 right, title or interest the Commonwealth may have with
18 respect to the conditions referenced in paragraph (1) shall
19 be executed by the Secretary of General Services in the name
20 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

21 (5) Any costs and fees incidental to the quitclaim and
22 release hereby authorized shall be borne by Programs
23 Employing People, Inc.

24 Section 14. Sections 1727-E(c) and 1735-E of the act are
25 amended to read:

26 Section 1727-E. Department of Labor and Industry.

27 * * *

28 (c) Reemployment Fund.--[Five percent] Up to \$15,000,000 of
29 the contributions on wages paid under section 301.4 of the act
30 of December 5, 1936 (2nd Sp.Sess., 1937 P.L.2897, No.1), known
31 as the Unemployment Compensation Law, from July 1, 2018, through
32 September 30, [2024] 2028, shall be deposited each year into the
33 Reemployment Fund to the extent the contributions are paid on or
34 before December 31, [2024] 2028. The department may deposit
35 contributions in accordance with section 301.4(e) (2) of the
36 Unemployment Compensation Law before depositing contributions in
37 accordance with this subsection and section 301.4(e) (3) of the
38 Unemployment Compensation Law.

39 Section 1735-E. Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency.

40 (a) Public health emergency funds.--The Pennsylvania
41 Emergency Management Agency shall provide semiannual reports of
42 all grants awarded by the Pennsylvania Emergency Management
43 Agency from Federal disaster assistance or relief funds,
44 homeland security and defense funds, avian flu/pandemic
45 preparedness or other public health emergency funds to the
46 chairman and minority chairman of the Appropriations Committee
47 of the Senate and the chairman and minority chairman of the
48 Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives. The
49 reports shall include information relating to the entity
50 receiving grant money from the agency, including the name and
51 address of the entity, the amount of the grant, the date of

1 issuance and the purpose of the grant. Reports shall be
2 submitted by August 20 for grants awarded during the period from
3 January 1 through June 30 and by February 20 for grants awarded
4 during the period from July 1 through December 31.

5 (b) Grants to fire companies and emergency medical services
6 companies.--

7 (1) Notwithstanding 35 Pa.C.S. § 7813(c)(2) (relating to
8 award of grants), the State Fire Commissioner may extend the
9 application period under 35 Pa.C.S. § 7813(c)(2) for up to 45
10 additional days for a fire company, upon request by the fire
11 company, if the fire company demonstrates hardship or undue
12 burden that prevents the fire company from submitting a
13 completed application within the application period specified
14 under 35 Pa.C.S. § 7813(c)(2). A fire company must request an
15 extension of the application period under 35 Pa.C.S. §
16 7813(c)(2) within 30 days of the date of the end of the
17 application period. The State Fire Commissioner shall have
18 sole discretion to determine whether a fire company has
19 demonstrated hardship or undue burden under this paragraph.

20 (2) Notwithstanding 35 Pa.C.S. § 7823(c)(2) (relating to
21 award of grants), the State Fire Commissioner may extend the
22 application period under 35 Pa.C.S. § 7823(c)(2) for up to 45
23 additional days for an EMS company, upon request by the EMS
24 company, if the EMS company demonstrates hardship or undue
25 burden that prevents the EMS company from submitting a
26 completed application within the application period specified
27 under 35 Pa.C.S. § 7823(c)(2). An EMS company must request an
28 extension of the application period under 35 Pa.C.S. §
29 7823(c)(2) within 30 days of the date of the end of the
30 application period. The State Fire Commissioner shall have
31 sole discretion to determine whether an EMS company has
32 demonstrated hardship or undue burden under this paragraph.

33 (3) The authority of the State Fire Commissioner to
34 award grants under 35 Pa.C.S. Ch. 78 Subchs. B (relating to
35 Fire Company Grant Program) and C (relating to Emergency
36 Medical Services Grant Program) shall expire December 31,
37 2029.

38 Section 15. Section 1753.2-E(b), (c), (d), (h) and (k) of
39 the act, added December 13, 2023 (P.L.251, No.33), are amended
40 and the section is amended by adding a subsection to read:
41 Section 1753.2-E. Commonwealth Financing Authority.

42 * * *

43 (b) Eligibility.--The following improvement projects shall
44 be eligible for grants under this section:

- 45 (1) Roof repairs and roof replacement.
- 46 (2) Heating, ventilation and air conditioning equipment.
- 47 (3) Boilers and controls.
- 48 (4) Plumbing systems.
- 49 (5) Energy saving projects.
- 50 (6) Health and safety upgrades, including lead and
51 asbestos abatement or remediation and the purchase and

1 maintenance of automated external defibrillators.

2 (7) Emergencies.

3 (8) Accessibility projects in accordance with standards
4 under 42 U.S.C. Ch. 126 (relating to equal opportunity for
5 individuals with disabilities).

6 (9) Internet connectivity, not including purchasing
7 educational technology hardware or software.

8 (10) Demolition projects.

9 (11) Window repairs and window replacement.

10 (12) Other projects approved by the authority.

11 (13) For applications for grant awards received after
12 July 1, 2025, projects that abate or remediate environmental
13 hazards, including the abatement or remediation of lead in
14 water sources, asbestos and mold in accordance with the
15 guidelines of a school entity.

16 (b.1) Solar for schools eligibility.--Beginning in fiscal
17 year 2024-2025, a project approved by the department under the
18 Solar for School Grant Program shall be an eligible project. The
19 board shall approve funding from funds available for the Solar
20 for Schools Grant Program.

21 (c) Application process.--

22 (1) The authority shall develop a process through which
23 school entities may submit applications for grant awards and
24 post the application on its publicly accessible Internet
25 website.

26 (2) An application for an improvement project shall
27 either:

28 (i) fall under a single eligibility type identified
29 in subsection (b) and involve one or more school
30 buildings; or

31 (ii) encompass one or more eligibility types
32 identified in subsection (b) and be confined to one
33 school building.

34 (3) A qualifying application shall have costs related to
35 the eligible improvement project of at least \$500,000. The
36 authority may waive this paragraph for the purchase of
37 automated external defibrillators under subsection (b)(6).

38 (4) A qualifying application shall include an indication
39 that the school entity received three qualified bids or
40 estimates for the improvement project. This paragraph shall
41 expire June 30, 2025.

42 (5) There shall be no limitation on the number of
43 applications for different improvement projects a school
44 entity may submit in a fiscal year.

45 [(d) Funding rubric.--The authority, in consultation with
46 the department, shall develop a rubric to prioritize grant
47 awards under this section. The rubric shall consider all of the
48 following:

49 (1) School entity wealth.

50 (2) Building conditions, including the age of the
51 building.

1 (3) Emergencies.

2 (4) Health, safety and security.]

3 * * *

4 (h) Funding.--

5 (1) No later than 60 days after the effective date of
6 this paragraph, the Secretary of the Budget shall transfer to
7 the authority \$100,000,000 appropriated under the act of
8 August 3, 2023 (P.L.471, No.1A), known as the General
9 Appropriation Act of 2023, to the Department of Education for
10 a Level-Up Supplement.

11 (2) Except in the case of an emergency improvement
12 project, the authority shall conduct a single vote to approve
13 or disapprove the recommended slate of improvement projects.

14 (3) The authority shall ensure a geographic distribution
15 of grants in the recommended slate of improvement projects.

16 (4) From money transferred to the authority in fiscal
17 year 2024-2025 for Transfer to Public School Facility
18 Improvement Grant Program - Commonwealth Financing Authority,
19 the following shall apply:

20 (i) \$75,000,000 shall be used in addition to the
21 money appropriated in fiscal year 2023-2024 to make
22 awards from applications received during the fiscal year
23 2023-2024.

24 (ii) \$25,000,000 shall be used to fund projects
25 recommended by the department under subsection (b.1).

26 * * *

27 (k) Quorum.--A vote of the authority to [develop a rubric
28 under subsection (d),] adopt guidelines under subsection (j) and
29 to approve projects under this section shall be made in
30 accordance with 64 Pa.C.S. § 1512(d)(1) (relating to board).

31 * * *

32 Section 15.1. The act is amended by adding a section to
33 read:

34 Section 1753.3-E. Mixed-Use Revitalization Program.

35 (a) Establishment.--The Mixed-Use Revitalization Program is
36 established within the authority to:

37 (1) Increase corridor mixed-use development.

38 (2) Maximize the leveraging of private and public
39 resources.

40 (3) Foster sustainable partnerships committed to
41 addressing community needs.

42 (4) Ensure that program resources are used to meet
43 community needs effectively and efficiently.

44 (5) Provide funding in the form of grants and loans to
45 projects that involve the acquisition, redevelopment and
46 revitalization of distressed, unoccupied and blighted
47 properties, including existing and former malls and similar
48 commercial properties.

49 (a.1) Transfer.--From money appropriated for the Building
50 Pennsylvania Program, the sum of \$10,000,000 shall be
51 transferred to the authority for the purpose established in

1 subsection (a) (5).
2 (b) Eligibility.--To be eligible for program funding, a
3 developer must commit matching funds of at least 20% of the
4 total funding request for which the developer is applying under
5 the program.
6 (c) Rules and guidelines.--The board shall develop
7 guidelines to govern the application and rules of the program.
8 The board shall solicit input from developers to maximize the
9 economic impact and utilization of the program prior to the
10 approval of the guidelines.
11 (d) Money.--The following shall apply:
12 (1) A grant awarded under the program shall not exceed
13 more than twice the matching funds provided by a developer.
14 The authority may provide money in the form of a loan to a
15 developer in addition to money awarded as a grant.
16 (2) For a loan under paragraph (1), the board shall
17 consider the amount of matching funds provided by a developer
18 when determining loan repayment terms under the program.
19 (e) Use of American-made supplies.--A developer shall use
20 best efforts to utilize American-made supplies in any
21 development that uses money received from the program.
22 (f) Other funding sources.--A developer may combine funds
23 awarded under the program with other funding sources from
24 available Federal, State, local or county programs.
25 (g) Reporting.--The authority shall provide a report
26 containing a list of the developments funded through the program
27 by July 1, 2026, to:
28 (1) The Governor.
29 (2) The Auditor General.
30 (3) The chairperson and minority chairperson of the
31 Urban Affairs and Housing Committee of the Senate and the
32 chairperson and minority chairperson of the Housing and
33 Community Development Committee of the House of
34 Representatives.
35 (4) The chairperson and minority chairperson of the
36 Community, Economic and Recreational Development Committee of
37 the Senate and the chairperson and minority chairperson of
38 the Commerce Committee of the House of Representatives.
39 (h) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
40 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
41 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:
42 "American-made." Produced, manufactured, mined, grown or
43 performed in the United States. For the purposes of this
44 definition, produced or manufactured shall mean assembled in a
45 location within the United States.
46 "Authority." The Commonwealth Financing Authority
47 established in 64 Pa.C.S. § 1511 (relating to authority).
48 "Board." The board of the Commonwealth Financing Authority
49 established in 64 Pa.C.S. § 1512 (relating to board).
50 "Developer." A person or business entity with a demonstrated
51 history of advancing commercial or mixed-use redevelopment

1 projects.

2 "Development." A planned commercial and mixed-use project
3 that:

4 (1) is situated on at least 15 acres of property; and

5 (2) contains at least 200,000 square feet of proposed
6 development that has not received a certificate of occupancy
7 as of the effective date of this paragraph.

8 "Mixed-use development." A community revitalization project
9 that promotes economic growth and shall include commercial
10 assets and may include residential development opportunities and
11 is zoned accordingly.

12 "Program." The Mixed-Use Revitalization Program established
13 under subsection (a).

14 Section 16. Section 1781-E of the act is amended by adding
15 subsections to read:

16 Section 1781-E. Supreme Court.

17 * * *

18 (c) Annual increase in costs.--Notwithstanding 42 Pa.C.S. §
19 1725.1(f)(1) (relating to costs), the provisions of 42 Pa.C.S. §
20 1725.1(f)(1) shall expire January 1, 2040.

21 (d) Costs in magisterial district judge proceedings.--
22 Notwithstanding 42 Pa.C.S. § 3571(c)(4) (relating to
23 Commonwealth portion of fines, etc.), the provisions of 42
24 Pa.C.S. § 3571(c)(4) shall expire January 1, 2040.

25 Section 17. Sections 1798.1-E and 1798.3-E(d) of the act,
26 amended December 13, 2023 (P.L.251, No.34), are amended to read:
27 Section 1798.1-E. Federal and Commonwealth use of forest land.

28 (a) Scope.--This section applies to the following:

29 (1) Real property acquired for forest reserves by any of
30 the following:

31 (i) The Federal Government.

32 (ii) The Commonwealth.

33 (2) Tax-exempt real property acquired by the Federal
34 Government or by the Commonwealth for the purpose of
35 preserving, perpetuating and maintaining any portion of the
36 original forests of this Commonwealth as public places and
37 parks.

38 (3) Real property:

39 (i) which is acquired for the purpose of
40 conservation of water or the prevention of flood
41 conditions; and

42 (ii) upon which there is an imposed tax payable by
43 the Commonwealth.

44 (b) Charge.--Except as provided under subsection (f), the
45 following shall apply:

46 (1) For land owned by the Department of Conservation and
47 Natural Resources, subject to subsection (c), real property
48 under subsection (a) shall be subject to an annual charge of
49 all of the following:

50 (i) [Two dollars and forty cents] Three dollars per
51 acre for the benefit of each county where the real

1 property is located. One dollar and twenty cents shall be
2 paid by the Department of Conservation and Natural
3 Resources and [~~\$1.20~~] \$1.80 shall be paid from money
4 available under 4 Pa.C.S. § 1403 (relating to
5 establishment of State Gaming Fund and net slot machine
6 revenue distribution).

7 (ii) [~~Two dollars and forty cents~~] Three dollars per
8 acre for the benefit of the schools in each school
9 district where the real property is located. One dollar
10 and twenty cents shall be paid by the Department of
11 Conservation and Natural Resources and [~~\$1.20~~] \$1.80
12 shall be paid from money available under 4 Pa.C.S. §
13 1403.

14 (iii) [~~Two dollars and forty cents~~] Three dollars
15 per acre for the benefit of the township where the real
16 property is located. One dollar and twenty cents shall be
17 paid by the Department of Conservation and Natural
18 Resources and [~~\$1.20~~] \$1.80 shall be paid from money
19 available under 4 Pa.C.S. § 1403.

20 (2) For land owned by the Pennsylvania Game Commission
21 or the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, real property
22 under subsection (a) shall be subject to an annual charge of
23 all of the following:

24 (i) [~~Two dollars and forty cents~~] Three dollars per
25 acre for the benefit of each county where the real
26 property is located. [~~Forty cents~~] One dollar shall be
27 paid by the Commonwealth agency which owns the property
28 and \$2 shall be paid from money available under 4 Pa.C.S.
29 § 1403.

30 (ii) [~~Two dollars and forty cents~~] Three dollars per
31 acre for the benefit of the schools in each school
32 district where the real property is located. [~~Forty~~
33 ~~cents~~] One dollar shall be paid by the Commonwealth
34 agency which owns the property and \$2 shall be paid from
35 money available under 4 Pa.C.S. § 1403.

36 (iii) [~~Two dollars and forty cents~~] Three dollars
37 per acre for the benefit of the township where the real
38 property is located. [~~Forty cents~~] One dollar shall be
39 paid by the Commonwealth agency which owns the property
40 and \$2 shall be paid from money available under 4 Pa.C.S.
41 § 1403.

42 (3) The charge under paragraph (1) shall be payable by
43 the Commonwealth before September 2.

44 (c) Duration.--

45 (1) Except as set forth in paragraph (2), the annual
46 charge payable by the Commonwealth on real property under
47 subsection (a)(1)(i) shall continue only until the receipt of
48 money by treasurers and township supervisors of the political
49 subdivisions under subsection (b)(1), in accordance with the
50 act of April 27, 1925 (P.L.324, No.185), entitled "An act for
51 the distribution by the Commonwealth and counties to

1 townships and school districts of moneys received from the
2 United States from Forest Reserves within the Commonwealth,"
3 equals or exceeds the amount paid by the Commonwealth in lieu
4 of taxes.

5 (2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply to the following:

6 (i) The annual charge per acre for the benefit of
7 the county where real property under subsection (a)(1)(i)
8 is located for calendar years 1953, 1954, 1955 and 1956.

9 (ii) The amount of \$0.025 of the annual charge per
10 acre for the benefit of the county where the real
11 property under subsection (a)(1)(i) is located for each
12 year after 1956.

13 (3) The Commonwealth shall annually pay the charges
14 exempted under paragraph (2).

15 (d) Certification.--Upon application of the treasurer or
16 township supervisor, the Secretary of Conservation and Natural
17 Resources shall certify to the respective counties, school
18 districts and townships where real property under subsection (a)
19 is located and to the State Treasurer:

20 (1) the number of acres owned by the Federal Government
21 and by the Commonwealth in the political subdivision; and

22 (2) the charge against the real property.

23 (e) Payment.--The State Treasurer shall pay to political
24 subdivisions under subsection (d) the amount due under
25 subsection (b) upon:

26 (1) requisition of the Secretary of Conservation and
27 Natural Resources; and

28 (2) application by the appropriate treasurer or township
29 supervisors.

30 (g) Adjustments based on Consumer Price Index.--Beginning in
31 fiscal year 2030-2031, and every five years thereafter, the
32 Secretary of the Budget shall increase the amounts of the
33 payments under subsection (b) by the percentage increase in the
34 Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for the
35 Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland area between
36 July 1 of the fiscal year in which the amounts last went into
37 effect and July 1 of the fiscal year in which the next increases
38 will take effect. The increases shall take effect on July 1 of
39 the first year of each five-year period. The secretary shall
40 determine the percentage increase and the new amounts based on
41 the most recently reported Consumer Price Index for All Urban
42 Consumers (CPI-U) for the Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and
43 Maryland area by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau
44 of Labor Statistics and shall transmit notice of the percentage
45 increase and new amounts to the Legislative Reference Bureau for
46 publication in the next available issue of the Pennsylvania
47 Bulletin no later than August 31 of each fiscal year in which
48 the increases take effect. When determining the increases and
49 amount, the secretary shall take the following into account:

50 (1) The amounts in subsection (b) may not be increased
51 by more than 10%.

1 (2) Payment of the increased amounts shall be allocated
2 equally between the funding available to the agency for the
3 payments under subsection (b)(1) and the funding available
4 under 4 Pa.C.S. § 1403 (relating to establishment of State
5 Gaming Fund and new slot machine revenue distribution).

6 (3) Payment of the increased amounts shall be allocated
7 between the funding available to the agencies under
8 subsection (b)(2) and the funding available under 4 Pa.C.S. §
9 1403 in the same proportions as specified in subsection (b)
10 (2).

11 Section 1798.3-E. Multimodal Transportation Fund.

12 * * *

13 (d) Expiration.--This section shall expire December 31,
14 [2024] 2025.

15 Section 18. The act is amended by adding a section to read:
16 Section 1798.5-E. School Safety and Security Fund.

17 Section 1795.2-E shall not apply to fiscal years 2024-2025
18 and 2025-2026.

19 Section 19. Section 1730-F.3(5)(x) of the act, added
20 December 13, 2023 (P.L.251, No.34), is amended and the section
21 is amended by adding a paragraph to read:

22 Section 1730-F.3. Department of Human Services.

23 The following apply to appropriations for the Department of
24 Human Services:

25 * * *

26 (5) The following shall apply to amounts appropriated
27 for medical assistance fee-for-service:

28 * * *

29 (x) No less than \$1,250,000 shall be distributed to
30 a [cancer treatment center in a township of the second
31 class with a population between 16,000 and 25,000
32 according to the most recent Federal decennial census in
33 a county of the third class with a population between
34 350,000 and 370,000 according to the most recent Federal
35 decennial census.] hospital in a city of the second class
36 in a county of the second class that has between 500 and
37 530 patient beds.

38 * * *

39 Section 19.1. Section 1733-F.3 of the act is amended to
40 read:

41 Section 1733-F.3. Department of Transportation [(Reserved)].

42 The following apply for appropriations for the Department of
43 Transportation:

44 (1) From money appropriated for transportation and
45 multimodal improvement projects:

46 (i) \$80,500,000 shall be transferred to the Public
47 Transportation Trust Fund and allocated by the Secretary
48 of Transportation for use as follows:

49 (A) 86.76% of the transferred amount shall be
50 added to monies available in the fund under 74
51 Pa.C.S. § 1513 (relating to operating program).

1 index system that will allow participating law
2 enforcement agencies access to incident report data.

3 (iv) From the amount appropriated, \$700,000 shall be
4 used for a diversion program for first-time nonviolent
5 offenders facing prison sentences. The diversion program
6 must include education and employment services, case
7 management and mentoring.

8 (v) No less than \$3,000,000 shall be available as a
9 pilot program to offset costs incurred by a city of the
10 first class and a county of the second class A that is
11 also a home rule county in connection with hiring
12 additional assistant district attorneys designated as a
13 Special United States Attorney by a United States
14 Attorney's office through participation in the Project
15 Safe Neighborhoods program and who will exclusively
16 prosecute crimes under 18 U.S.C. § 922(g) (relating to
17 unlawful acts).

18 (vi) \$500,000 shall be used to support a Statewide
19 child predator unit.

20 (vii) \$500,000 shall be used for training and
21 equipment needs to support improvements in the
22 identification, investigation and prosecution of 18
23 Pa.C.S. § 6312 (relating to sexual abuse of children).

24 (viii) No less than \$1,750,000 shall be used for
25 nonnarcotic medication substance use disorder treatment
26 for eligible offenders, which shall include the
27 establishment and administration of a nonnarcotic
28 medication assisted substance grant program to provide
29 annual grants to county corrections institutions. As used
30 in this subparagraph, the term "eligible offender" means
31 a defendant or inmate convicted of a criminal offense who
32 will be committed to the custody of the county and who
33 meets the clinical criteria for an opioid or alcohol use
34 disorder as determined by a physician.

35 (ix) No less than \$2,000,000 shall be distributed to
36 a nonprofit organization specified in 61 Pa.C.S. § 3512
37 (relating to definitions) to monitor conditions in State
38 and county correctional institutions, including through
39 independent data collection and analysis of conditions,
40 and to assist incarcerated individuals with concerns
41 related to their health, safety and dignity.

42 (x) (Reserved).

43 (2) From money appropriated for violence and delinquency
44 prevention programs:

45 (i) No less than the amount used in the 2014-2015
46 fiscal year shall be used for programs in a city of the
47 second class.

48 (ii) No less than the amount used in the 2014-2015
49 fiscal year shall be used for blueprint mentoring
50 programs that address reducing youth violence in cities
51 of the first, second and third class with programs in

1 cities of the second class and third class also receiving
2 a proportional share of \$350,000.

3 (3) From money appropriated for violence intervention
4 and prevention, no less than \$11,500,000 shall be used by the
5 School Safety and Security Committee to provide grants for
6 out-of-school programming for at-risk school-age youth. An
7 eligible grantee under this paragraph shall include any
8 school district, area career and technical school, library,
9 Statewide youth-serving nonprofit organization or community-
10 based nonprofit organization that is not a member of a
11 Statewide youth-serving nonprofit. Out-of-school programming
12 under this paragraph shall include structured programs or
13 activities with engaged mentors and evidence-based or
14 evidence-informed practices provided to school-age youth
15 before school, after school or during the summer to improve
16 social, emotional, academic or career-readiness, prevent and
17 reduce teenage pregnancies, reduce negative behaviors,
18 provide safe out-of-school environments, engage in career
19 exploration or formal or informal work-based learning or any
20 other activity approved by the School Safety and Security
21 Committee. Section 1306-B(b), (c), (d), (e), (g.1) and (g.2)
22 of the Public School Code of 1949, shall apply to grants
23 provided under this paragraph.

24 (4) Money appropriated for county intermediate
25 punishment shall be distributed to counties for county adult
26 probation supervision and drug and alcohol and mental health
27 treatment programs for offenders sentenced to restrictive
28 conditions of probation imposed under 42 Pa.C.S. § 9763(c) or
29 (d) (relating to conditions of probation) and are certified
30 in accordance with 42 Pa.C.S. § 2154.1(b) (relating to
31 adoption of guidelines for restrictive conditions). The
32 portion of money for drug and alcohol and mental health
33 treatment programs shall be based on national statistics that
34 identify the percentage of incarcerated individuals that are
35 in need of treatment for substance issues but in no case
36 shall be less than 80% of the amount appropriated.

37 Section 1712.1-H. Office of the Budget (Reserved).

38 Section 1713-H. Lieutenant Governor (Reserved).

39 Section 1714-H. Attorney General.

40 The following apply to appropriations to the Attorney
41 General:

42 (1) The sum of \$1,200,000 is included in the
43 appropriation for general government operations for costs
44 related to the implementation of 74 Pa.C.S. § 1786.

45 (2) The sum of \$8,431,000 shall be distributed between
46 the Attorney General and the district attorney's office in a
47 city of the first class for costs associated with the
48 operation of the joint local-State firearm task force in the
49 city of the first class. No more than 20% may be allocated
50 for the district attorney's office in a city of the first
51 class.

1 (3) The sum of \$3,110,308 shall be distributed to the
2 Attorney General for costs associated with a joint local-
3 State firearm task force in a city of the first class.

4 (4) The sum of \$1,537,952 shall be used to cover the
5 costs associated with establishing and operating a joint
6 local-State firearm task force in a county of the second
7 class.

8 (5) The sum of \$889,692 shall be distributed to the
9 Attorney General for operating and property costs related to
10 the Joint Task Force as needed.

11 (6) The Attorney General may expend money from the
12 following restricted accounts for general government
13 operations:

14 (i) The Criminal Enforcement Restricted Account
15 established under section 1713-A.1.

16 (ii) The Collection Administration Account
17 established under section 922.1 of the act of April 9,
18 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code
19 of 1929.

20 (iii) The restricted account established under
21 section 1795.1-E(c) (3) (iii).

22 (iv) The Straw Purchase Prevention Education Fund
23 established under 18 Pa.C.S. § 6186 (relating to Straw
24 Purchase Prevention Education Fund).

25 (v) The restricted account established under section
26 4 of the act of December 4, 1996 (P.L.911, No.147), known
27 as the Telemarketer Registration Act.

28 (vi) The restricted account known as the Public
29 Protection Law Enforcement Restricted Account.

30 (vii) The restricted account established under 42
31 Pa.C.S. § 5803 (relating to asset forfeiture).

32 Section 1715-H. Auditor General (Reserved).

33 Section 1716-H. Treasury Department (Reserved).

34 Section 1717-H. Department of Aging (Reserved).

35 Section 1718-H. Department of Agriculture.

36 The following apply to appropriations for the Department of
37 Agriculture:

38 (1) From money appropriated for general government
39 operations, the following apply:

40 (i) (Reserved).

41 (ii) No less than \$250,000 shall be used for the
42 Commission for Agricultural Education Excellence to
43 assist in the development and implementation of
44 agricultural education programming.

45 (2) From money appropriated for agricultural
46 preparedness and response, the following shall apply:

47 (i) No less than \$25,000,000 shall be used for the
48 following costs associated with preparing for and
49 responding to an outbreak of highly pathogenic avian
50 influenza:

51 (A) Grants to assist with income losses and

1 costs associated with workforce payroll and benefits,
2 mortgage interest and rent payments, utility
3 payments, costs of delayed repopulating and reopening
4 facilities and other losses or costs associated with
5 response not otherwise eligible for or covered by
6 Federal funding, insurance, contracts or other
7 funding sources.

8 (B) The establishment and operations of a highly
9 pathogenic avian influenza rapid response team. The
10 amount utilized under this clause may not exceed
11 \$2,000,000.

12 (ii) No less than \$6,000,000 shall be used for costs
13 incurred by the Pennsylvania Animal Diagnostic Laboratory
14 System in preparing for and responding to an outbreak of
15 highly pathogenic avian influenza.

16 (3) From money appropriated for agricultural excellence,
17 no less than \$1,400,000 shall be used for beef excellence
18 supported programs and initiatives.

19 (4) From money appropriated for agricultural research,
20 the following apply:

21 (i) No less than \$300,000 shall be used for an
22 agricultural resource center.

23 (ii) No less than \$100,000 shall be used for
24 agricultural law research programs, including those
25 addressing energy development, in conjunction with a
26 land-grant university.

27 (5) From money appropriated for hardwoods research and
28 promotion, at least 80% of the money shall be equally
29 distributed among the hardwood utilization groups of this
30 Commonwealth established prior to the effective date of this
31 section.

32 (6) Money appropriated for the Animal Health and
33 Diagnostic Commission shall be equally distributed to the
34 animal diagnostic laboratory system laboratories located at a
35 land-grant university and at a school of veterinary medicine
36 located within this Commonwealth.

37 Section 1719-H. Department of Community and Economic
38 Development.

39 The following apply to appropriations for the Department of
40 Community and Economic Development:

41 (1) From money appropriated for general government
42 operations, no less than \$1,900,000 shall be used to support
43 a manufacturing technology development effort, to assist
44 Pennsylvania small businesses with enhanced cyber security
45 and to test coal ash refuse extraction of rare earth metals
46 for domestic chip manufacturing in a county of the fourth
47 class with a population of at least 130,000, but not more
48 than 135,000, under the most recent Federal decennial census.

49 (2) From money appropriated for marketing to attract
50 tourists, \$19,315,000 shall be used to fund the activities of
51 the tourism office within the department, including Statewide

1 marketing efforts. Remaining funding shall include additional
2 allocation to be used to plan, market and conduct a series of
3 arts and cultural activities that generate Statewide and
4 regional economic impact. The sum of \$1,000,000 shall be used
5 for regional athletic competitions, activities and costs
6 relating to an annual Statewide competition serving
7 approximately 2,000 athletes with intellectual disabilities
8 from across this Commonwealth to be held in a county of the
9 fourth class.

10 (3) From money appropriated for Pennsylvania First, no
11 less than \$8,000,000 shall be used to fund the Workforce and
12 Economic Development Network of Pennsylvania (WEDnetPA) for
13 workforce training grants provided through an alliance of
14 educational providers, including, but not limited to, State
15 System of Higher Education universities, the Pennsylvania
16 College of Technology and community colleges located in this
17 Commonwealth.

18 (4) Money appropriated for Keystone Communities shall be
19 used for projects supporting economic growth, community
20 development and municipal assistance throughout this
21 Commonwealth.

22 (5) Money appropriated for Main Street Matters shall
23 support revitalization and community building efforts,
24 including, but not limited to, planning, business support,
25 aesthetic improvements, disability accessibility improvements
26 and the increase of safety and security. Money appropriated
27 for Main Street Matters may also be used to support the
28 operations of Main Street Program or Elm Street Program as
29 designated by the Department of Community and Economic
30 Development.

31 (6) Notwithstanding section 4(1) of the act of October
32 11, 1984 (P.L.906, No.179), known as the Community
33 Development Block Grant Entitlement Program for Nonurban
34 Counties and Certain Other Municipalities, the Commonwealth
35 may use up to 3% of the money received pursuant to the
36 Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-
37 383, 88 Stat. 633) for administrative costs.

38 (7) Money appropriated for local municipal relief shall
39 include an allocation to provide State assistance to
40 individuals, persons or political subdivisions directly
41 affected by natural or manmade disasters, public safety
42 emergencies, other situations that pose a public safety
43 danger or other situations at the discretion of the
44 department. State assistance may be limited to grants for
45 projects that do not qualify for Federal assistance to help
46 repair damages to primary residences, personal property and
47 public facilities and structures. Grants shall be made
48 available for reimbursement in a disaster emergency area only
49 when a presidential disaster declaration does not cover the
50 area or when the Department of Community and Economic
51 Development determines that a public safety emergency has

1 occurred.

2 (8) (Reserved).

3 (9) Money appropriated for hospital and health system
4 emergency relief shall include an allocation to provide State
5 assistance for hospital and health care systems that
6 experience financial distress. Money appropriated for
7 hospital and health system emergency relief may also be used
8 to provide funding for research to study rural health and
9 alternative payment methods for rural health care, including
10 data collection and modeling. As used in this paragraph, the
11 term "hospital and health system" shall include a foundation,
12 trust or nonprofit organization affiliated with a hospital or
13 health system, which is authorized by the hospital or health
14 system to apply for grants on behalf of the hospital or
15 health system.

16 (10) Money appropriated for community and economic
17 assistance shall include an allocation to provide State
18 assistance in the form of grants to assist in community and
19 economic development, including projects in the public
20 interest.

21 (11) (Reserved).

22 (12) Money appropriated for workforce development shall
23 be distributed in the same proportion as distributed in
24 fiscal year 2022-2023.

25 Section 1720-H. Department of Conservation and Natural
26 Resources.

27 The following apply to appropriations for the Department of
28 Conservation and Natural Resources:

29 (1) (Reserved).

30 (2) Money appropriated for parks, forests and recreation
31 projects shall be used for grants for projects to enhance
32 parks, forests and recreation activities.

33 Section 1721-H. Department of Corrections (Reserved).

34 Section 1722-H. Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs
35 (Reserved).

36 Section 1723-H. Department of Education.

37 The following apply to appropriations to the Department of
38 Education:

39 (1) From money appropriated for the Pre-K Counts
40 Program, the per-student grant award amount for grants made
41 under section 1514-D of the Public School Code of 1949 shall
42 be increased by 5% over the amount paid in fiscal year 2023-
43 2024.

44 (2) From an appropriation for adult and family literacy
45 programs, summer reading programs and the adult high school
46 diplomas program. The following apply:

47 (i) No less than the amount allocated in the 2014-
48 2015 fiscal year shall be allocated for an after-school
49 learning program servicing low-income students located in
50 a county of the sixth class with a population, based on
51 the most recent Federal decennial census, of at least

1 64,730, but not more than 65,558.

2 (ii) No less than the amount allocated in the 2016-
3 2017 fiscal year shall be used for an after-school
4 learning program servicing low-income students located in
5 a county of the third class with a population, based on
6 the most recent Federal decennial census, of at least
7 320,000, but not more than 330,000.

8 (iii) From money appropriated for adult and family
9 literacy, at least \$1,050,000 shall be used to develop
10 and administer a program to subsidize the cost of high
11 school equivalency testing that leads to a Commonwealth
12 secondary school diploma credential for individuals who
13 meet requirements established by the department.

14 (3) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the
15 appropriation for pupil transportation may not be redirected
16 for any purpose.

17 (4) For money appropriated for Pennsylvania Chartered
18 Schools for Deaf and Blind Children, the following apply:

19 (i) Upon distribution of the final tuition payment
20 for the fiscal year, the balance of the appropriation,
21 excluding amounts under subparagraph (ii), shall be used
22 to pay the schools' increased share of required
23 contributions for public school employees' retirement and
24 shall be distributed pro rata based on each school's
25 contributions for the prior fiscal year.

26 (ii) \$2,000,000 is included for capital-related
27 costs and deferred maintenance to be divided equally
28 between each school.

29 (5) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the
30 amount of money set aside under section 2509.8 of the Public
31 School Code of 1949 shall be allocated to each approved
32 private school with a day tuition determined to be less than
33 \$32,000 during the 2010-2011 school year. The allocation
34 shall be no less than 175% of the amount allocated in 2015-
35 2016 fiscal year.

36 (6) Money appropriated for regional community college
37 services shall be distributed to each entity that received
38 funding in fiscal year 2022-2023 in an amount equal to the
39 amount received in that fiscal year.

40 (7) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, money
41 appropriated for community education councils shall be
42 distributed in a manner that each community education council
43 which received funding in fiscal year 2022-2023 shall receive
44 an amount equal to the amount received in that fiscal year.

45 (7.1) From money appropriated for Parent Pathways, the
46 Department of Education shall expand the Parent Pathways
47 Learning Network Pilot Program to assist parenting students
48 in pursuing postsecondary pathways to postsecondary degree or
49 certificate completion. The Department of Education shall
50 provide financial and technical assistance to postsecondary
51 institutions to remove barriers to postsecondary degree or

1 certificate completion and increase access to family-
2 sustaining wages and in-demand occupations.

3 (8) (Reserved).

4 (9) (Reserved).

5 (10) (Reserved).

6 (11) (Reserved).

7 (12) (Reserved).

8 (13) (Reserved).

9 (14) (Reserved).

10 (15) (Reserved).

11 (16) (Reserved).

12 (17) (Reserved).

13 (18) (Reserved).

14 (19) (Reserved).

15 (20) (Reserved).

16 (21) (Reserved).

17 (22) (Reserved).

18 (23) (Reserved).

19 (24) Money appropriated for job training and education
20 programs shall be used for grants for job training, dual
21 enrollment or educational programs.

22 (25) Money appropriated for mobile science and
23 mathematics education programs shall be used for grants to
24 support mobile science and mathematics education programs.

25 Section 1724-H. Department of Environmental Protection.

26 From Federal money appropriated for IRA - Solar For All, no
27 money shall be encumbered, committed or expended unless
28 authorized by State law on or after the effective date of this
29 section.

30 Section 1725-H. Department of General Services.

31 From money appropriated to the Department of General Services
32 for Capitol fire protection, the City of Harrisburg shall use
33 the money to support the provisions of fire services to the
34 Capitol complex.

35 Section 1726-H. Department of Health.

36 The following apply to appropriations for the Department of
37 Health:

38 (1) From money appropriated for general government
39 operations, sufficient money is included for the coordination
40 of donated dental services.

41 (2) (Reserved).

42 (3) From money appropriated for primary health care
43 practitioner, the following apply:

44 (i) No less than \$3,451,000 shall be used for
45 Primary Care Loan Repayment Grant Awards.

46 (ii) No less than \$1,500,000 shall be used for the
47 Pennsylvania Academy of Family Physicians Family Medicine
48 Residency Expansion Program.

49 (iii) No less than \$1,300,000 shall be used for the
50 Pennsylvania Academy of Family Physicians Family Medicine
51 Physician Recruitment and Retention Programs.

1 (iv) Grantees other than as provided under
2 subparagraphs (i), (ii) and (iii) that received amounts
3 in the 2022-2023 fiscal year shall receive the amount
4 each grantee received in the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

5 (4) Money appropriated for services for children with
6 special needs shall be distributed to grantees in the same
7 proportion as distributed in fiscal year 2019-2020.

8 (5) From money appropriated for adult cystic fibrosis
9 and other chronic respiratory illnesses, the following apply:

10 (i) No less than \$212,000 shall be used for a
11 program promoting cystic fibrosis research in a county of
12 the second class.

13 (ii) No less than \$106,000 shall be used for
14 research related to childhood cystic fibrosis in a city
15 of the first class with a hospital that is nationally
16 accredited as a cystic fibrosis treatment center and
17 specializes in the treatment of children.

18 (iii) Any money not used under subparagraph (i) or
19 (ii) shall be distributed to grantees in the same
20 proportion as distributed in fiscal year 2019-2020.

21 (6) Money appropriated for diagnosis and treatment for
22 Cooley's anemia shall be distributed to grantees in the same
23 proportion as distributed in fiscal year 2019-2020.

24 (7) Money appropriated for hemophilia services shall be
25 distributed to grantees in the same proportion as distributed
26 in fiscal year 2019-2020.

27 (8) Money appropriated for lupus programs shall be
28 distributed proportionately to each entity that received
29 funding in fiscal year 2018-2019.

30 (9) From money appropriated for sickle cell anemia
31 services, including camps for children with sickle cell
32 anemia, the following shall apply:

33 (i) Grantees which received amounts in fiscal year
34 2019-2020 shall receive an amount which is in the same
35 proportion as distributed in fiscal year 2019-2020.

36 (ii) \$75,000 shall be distributed to a qualifying
37 academic medical center located in a county of the third
38 class with a population between 280,000 and 300,000 under
39 the most recent Federal decennial census for expanded
40 care of adult sickle cell disease.

41 (10) Money appropriated for Lyme disease includes
42 \$1,000,000 for costs related to free tick testing for
43 residents, including outreach and marketing and \$1,000,000
44 for tick mitigation, both performed in conjunction with a
45 university that is part of the State System of Higher
46 Education.

47 (11) Money appropriated for biotechnology research shall
48 include allocations for regenerative medicine research, for
49 regenerative medicine medical technology, for hepatitis and
50 viral research, for drug research and clinical trials related
51 to cancer, for genetic and molecular research for disease

1 identification and eradication, for vaccine immune response
2 diagnostics, for nanotechnology and for the commercialization
3 of applied research.

4 Section 1727-H. Insurance Department (Reserved).

5 Section 1728-H. Department of Labor and Industry.

6 The following apply to appropriations to the Department of
7 Labor and Industry:

8 (1) From money appropriated for Industry Partnerships,
9 no less than the amount allocated in the 2014-2015 fiscal
10 year shall be used for a work force development program that
11 links veterans with employment in a home rule county that is
12 a county of the second class A.

13 (2) (Reserved).

14 Section 1729-H. Department of Military and Veterans Affairs
15 (Reserved).

16 Section 1730-H. Department of Human Services.

17 The following apply to appropriations for the Department of
18 Human Services:

19 (1) From money appropriated for mental health services
20 or from Federal money, \$580,000 shall be used for the
21 following:

22 (i) The operation and maintenance of a network of
23 web portals that provide comprehensive referral services,
24 support and information relating to early intervention,
25 prevention and support for individuals with mental health
26 or substance abuse issues, county mental health offices,
27 providers and others that provide mental and behavioral
28 health treatment and related services.

29 (ii) The expansion of the existing web portals,
30 including services and resources for military veterans
31 and their families, including comprehensive referral
32 services for transitional, temporary and permanent
33 housing, job placement and career counseling and other
34 services for military veterans returning to civilian
35 life.

36 (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, from
37 money appropriated for mental health services, \$20,000,000
38 shall be used for county mental health services in addition
39 to the county funding under the act of October 20, 1966 (3rd
40 Sp. Sess., P.L.96, No.6), known as the Mental Health and
41 Intellectual Disability Act of 1966, and the Human Services
42 Block Grant Program under Article XIV-B of the Human Services
43 Code. The following shall apply:

44 (i) Money shall be allocated to individual counties
45 and county local collaborative arrangements by using the
46 most recent five-year estimate of the United States
47 Census Bureau's American Community Survey, as available
48 on the effective date of this subparagraph, in accordance
49 with the following:

50 (A) 20% of the allocation shall be based on the
51 percentage of a county's population.

1 (B) 40% of the allocation shall be based on the
2 percentage of a county's population whose income
3 level is above 125% of the Federal poverty level, but
4 is not greater than 200% of the Federal poverty
5 level.

6 (C) 40% of the allocation shall be based on the
7 percentage of a county's uninsured population.

8 (ii) County mental health services shall be provided
9 and reported in accordance with the requirements of the
10 Department of Human Services.

11 (iii) Money received under this paragraph may not be
12 included in the calculation of the allocation of money
13 under the Human Services Block Grant Program.

14 (iv) The provisions of this paragraph do not apply
15 to behavioral health services appropriations.

16 (3) Subject to the availability of Federal money and
17 eligibility under Federal TANFBG rules, grantees who operated
18 within the PA WorkWear program in the prior fiscal year and
19 who remain in operation shall be offered a grant for the
20 fiscal year to continue service delivery in compliance with
21 Federal TANFBG rules and reporting requirements under
22 substantially similar terms as previous PA WorkWear grants
23 unless both parties agree to alternate terms. Nothing in this
24 paragraph shall prohibit the Department of Human Services
25 from offering a grant to a prospective PA WorkWear provider
26 to replace a prior grantee who chooses not to continue to
27 operate in the program.

28 (4) From money appropriated for medical assistance
29 capitation, no less than the amount used in the 2014-2015
30 fiscal year shall be used for prevention and treatment of
31 depression and its complications in older Pennsylvanians in a
32 county of the second class.

33 (5) The following shall apply to amounts appropriated
34 for medical assistance fee-for-service:

35 (i) Payments to hospitals for Community Access Fund
36 grants shall be distributed under the formulas utilized
37 for these grants in fiscal year 2014-2015. If the total
38 funding available under this subparagraph is less than
39 that available in fiscal year 2014-2015, payments shall
40 be made on a pro rata basis.

41 (ii) Amounts allocated from money appropriated for
42 fee-for-service used for the SelectPlan for women's
43 preventative health services shall be used for women's
44 medical services, including noninvasive contraception
45 supplies.

46 (iii) Notwithstanding any other law, money
47 appropriated for medical assistance payments for fee-for-
48 service care, exclusive of inpatient services provided
49 through capitation plans, shall include sufficient money
50 for two separate All Patient Refined Diagnostic Related
51 Group payments for inpatient acute care general hospital

1 stays for:

2 (A) normal newborn care; and

3 (B) mothers' obstetrical delivery.

4 (iv) No less than \$405,000 shall be used for cleft
5 palates and other craniofacial anomalies.

6 (v) No less than \$800,000 shall be distributed to a
7 hospital for clinical ophthalmologic services located in
8 a city of the first class.

9 (vi) (Reserved).

10 (vii) No less than \$5,000,000 shall be distributed
11 to a hospital in a city of the third class in a home rule
12 county that is a county of the second class A, provided
13 that services and specialties available on the effective
14 date of this paragraph must remain available until July
15 1, 2025, and compliance with any other requirements
16 imposed by the Department of Human Services. The
17 Department of Human Services may recoup funds from any
18 hospital failing to meet the conditions under this
19 paragraph.

20 (viii) No less than \$2,000,000 shall be distributed
21 to a university located in a city of the first class to
22 research the impact of trauma-informed programs on
23 community violence prevention and health disparities.

24 (ix) No less than \$3,000,000 shall be distributed to
25 an enrolled outpatient therapy service provider located
26 in a city of the second class in a county of the second
27 class that provides behavioral health and medical
28 rehabilitation pediatric outpatient services.

29 (x) No less than \$1,250,000 shall be distributed to
30 a hospital in a city of the second class in a county of
31 the second class that has between 500 and 530 patient
32 beds.

33 (xi) The sum of \$10,000,000 shall be used to make
34 one-time inpatient supplemental payments to rural
35 hospitals for the purpose of stabilization. The following
36 shall apply to payments under this subparagraph:

37 (A) The Department of Human Services, in
38 consultation with the Hospital and Healthsystem
39 Association and representatives of hospitals
40 participating in the Pennsylvania Rural Health Model,
41 shall develop a payment methodology for the
42 supplemental payment. The payment methodology shall
43 use a specified, audited MA-336 hospital cost report
44 or other specified report identified by the
45 Department of Human Services.

46 (B) To be eligible for a payment under this
47 subparagraph, a rural hospital shall meet the
48 following criteria:

49 (I) Be located in a county of the fourth,
50 fifth, sixth, seventh or eighth class.

51 (II) Be in operation and providing inpatient

1 general acute care services as of the issuance
2 date of a payment under this subparagraph.

3 (C) A rural hospital that receives a payment
4 under this subparagraph shall provide documentation
5 to the Department of Human Services, in a manner and
6 format specified by the Department of Human Services,
7 for the purposes of an audit review, if requested.

8 (D) The Department of Human Services shall seek
9 Federal matching funds for the payments. To be
10 eligible for Federal funds, a rural hospital shall
11 meet Federal requirements.

12 (6) To supplement the money appropriated to the
13 department for medical assistance for workers with
14 disabilities, in addition to the monthly premium under
15 section 1503(b)(1) of the act of June 26, 2001 (P.L.755,
16 No.77), known as the Tobacco Settlement Act, the department
17 may adjust the percentage of the premium upon approval of the
18 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services as authorized
19 under Federal requirements. Failure to make payments in
20 accordance with this paragraph or section 1503(b)(1) of the
21 Tobacco Settlement Act shall result in the termination of
22 medical assistance coverage.

23 (7) Qualifying physician practice plans that received
24 money for fiscal year 2017-2018 shall not receive less than
25 the State appropriation made available to those physician
26 practice plans during fiscal year 2017-2018.

27 (8) Federal or State money appropriated under the
28 General Appropriation Act of 2024 in accordance with 35
29 Pa.C.S. § 8107.3 (relating to funding) not used to make
30 payments to hospitals qualifying as Level III trauma centers
31 or seeking accreditation as Level III trauma centers shall be
32 used to make payments to hospitals qualifying as Levels I and
33 II trauma centers.

34 (9) Qualifying academic medical centers that received
35 money for fiscal year 2017-2018 shall receive the same amount
36 from the State appropriation made available to those academic
37 medical centers during fiscal year 2017-2018.

38 (10) Money appropriated for medical assistance
39 transportation shall only be utilized as a payment of last
40 resort for transportation for eligible medical assistance
41 recipients.

42 (11) (Reserved).

43 (12) From money appropriated for medical assistance
44 long-term living:

45 (i) No less than the amount distributed in the 2014-
46 2015 fiscal year shall be distributed to a county nursing
47 home located in a home rule county that is a county of
48 the second class A with more than 725 beds and a Medicaid
49 acuity at 0.79 as of August 1, 2015.

50 (ii) No less than the amount used in the 2020-2021
51 fiscal year shall be distributed to a nonpublic nursing

1 home located in a county of the first class with more
2 than 395 beds and a Medicaid acuity at 1.06 as of August
3 1, 2022, to ensure access to necessary nursing care in
4 that county.

5 (iii) \$5,000,000 shall be distributed to a nonpublic
6 nursing home located in a county of the eighth class with
7 more than 119 beds and a Medicaid acuity at 1.11 as of
8 August 1, 2022, to ensure access to necessary nursing
9 home care in that county.

10 (iv) An additional \$500,000 shall be paid in equal
11 payments to nursing facilities which remain open as of
12 the effective date of this section that qualified for
13 supplemental ventilator care and tracheostomy care
14 payments in fiscal year 2014-2015 with a percentage of
15 medical assistance recipient residents who required
16 medically necessary ventilator care or tracheostomy care
17 greater than 90%.

18 (v) An additional \$250,000 shall be paid to a
19 nursing facility located in a township of the first class
20 in a county of the second class A which remains open as
21 of the effective date of this subparagraph with a
22 percentage of medical assistance recipient residents who
23 required medically necessary ventilator care or
24 tracheostomy care equal to or greater than 90% as of
25 August 1, 2022.

26 (vi) An additional \$250,000 shall be paid to a
27 nursing facility located in a city of the first class
28 which commenced operations after December 31, 2017, and
29 which remains open as of the effective date of this
30 subparagraph with a percentage of medical assistance
31 recipient residents who required medically necessary
32 ventilator care or tracheostomy care equal to or greater
33 than 90% as of August 1, 2022.

34 (vii) Subject to Federal approval of necessary
35 amendments of the Title XIX State Plan, \$21,000,000 is
36 allocated for medical assistance day-one incentive
37 payments to qualified nonpublic nursing facilities under
38 methodology and criteria under section 443.1(7)(vi) of
39 the Human Services Code. The Department of Human Services
40 shall determine a nonpublic nursing facility's overall
41 and medical assistance occupancy rate to qualify for a
42 medical assistance day-one incentive payment for the
43 fiscal year based on a nursing facility's resident day
44 quarter ending December 31, 2019, for the first of two
45 payments and a nursing facility's resident day quarter
46 ending March 31, 2020, for the second of two payments.

47 (13) From money appropriated for medical assistance
48 long-term living and medical assistance Community
49 HealthChoices, subject to Federal approval, sufficient money
50 shall be allocated to provide a 7.04% annualized rate
51 increase, effective January 1, 2025, that is calculated in

1 accordance with section 1602-T, section 443.1 of the Human
2 Services Code and 55 Pa. Code Chs. 1187 (relating to nursing
3 facility services) and 1189 (relating to county nursing
4 facility services).

5 (13.1) From money appropriated for MA - Community
6 HealthChoices:

7 (i) On or after July 1, 2024, \$1,500,000 shall be
8 distributed to a nonpublic nursing home located in a home
9 rule county that is a county of the second class A with
10 more than 126 beds and a Medicaid acuity at 0.89 as a
11 February 1, 2023, to ensure access to necessary nursing
12 home care in that county.

13 (ii) On or after July 1, 2024, \$1,500,000 shall be
14 distributed to a nonprofit skilled nursing home located
15 in a city of the second class A in a county of the third
16 class with a Medicaid acuity at 1.11 as of February 1,
17 2023, to ensure access to necessary skilled nursing care
18 in that county.

19 (13.2) From money appropriated for long-term care
20 managed care, \$7,500,000 is included to provide a rate
21 increase for life program providers, beginning January 1,
22 2025.

23 (14) From money appropriated for autism intervention and
24 services:

25 (i) \$600,000 shall be allocated to a behavioral
26 health facility located in a county of the fifth class
27 with a population between 140,000 and 145,000 under the
28 most recent Federal decennial census and shall be
29 distributed to a health system that operates both a
30 general acute care hospital and a behavioral health
31 facility that has a center for autism and developmental
32 disabilities located in a county of the fifth class with
33 a population between 140,000 and 145,000 under the most
34 recent Federal decennial census;

35 (ii) \$300,000 shall be allocated to an institution
36 of higher education that provides autism education and
37 diagnostic curriculum located in a city of the first
38 class that operates a center for autism in a county of
39 the second class A;

40 (iii) \$300,000 shall be allocated to an institution
41 of higher education that provides autism education and
42 diagnostic curriculum and is located in a county of the
43 second class;

44 (iv) no less than the amount distributed in the
45 2014-2015 fiscal year shall be allocated for programs to
46 promote the health and fitness of persons with
47 developmental disabilities located in a city of the first
48 class; and

49 (v) \$600,000 shall be allocated for an entity that
50 provides alternative educational services to individuals
51 with autism and developmental disabilities in the county

1 which was most recently designated as a county of the
2 second class A.

3 (15) (Reserved).

4 (16) (Reserved).

5 (17) (Reserved).

6 (18) Money appropriated for breast cancer screening may
7 be used for women's medical services, including noninvasive
8 contraception supplies.

9 (19) From the appropriation for 2-1-1 Communications,
10 \$750,000 shall be allocated for a Statewide 2-1-1 System
11 Grant Program.

12 (20) The appropriation for services for the visually
13 impaired shall include the following:

14 (i) an allocation of \$4,084,000 for a Statewide
15 professional services provider association for the blind
16 to provide training and supportive services for
17 individuals who are blind and preschool vision screenings
18 and eye safety education; and

19 (ii) an allocation of \$618,000 to provide
20 specialized services and prevention of blindness services
21 in cities of the first class.

22 (21) The provisions of 8 U.S.C. §§ 1611 (relating to
23 aliens who are not qualified aliens ineligible for Federal
24 public benefits), 1612 (relating to limited eligibility of
25 qualified aliens for certain Federal programs) and 1642
26 (relating to verification of eligibility for Federal public
27 benefits) shall apply to payments and providers.

28 (22) (Reserved).

29 (23) The Department of Human Services shall not add non-
30 medically necessary services to the Medical Assistance
31 Program that would result in the need for a supplemental
32 appropriation without the approval of the General Assembly.
33 Each proposed service shall be outlined in the Governor's
34 Executive Budget or subsequent updates provided in writing to
35 the General Assembly.

36 (24) (Reserved).

37 (25) The following shall apply:

38 (i) The Secretary of Human Services shall report on
39 a quarterly basis in person to the chairperson and
40 minority chairperson of the Appropriations Committee of
41 the Senate and the chairperson and minority chairperson
42 of the Appropriations Committee of the House of
43 Representatives information documenting each of the
44 following State appropriations and their associated
45 Federal appropriations:

46 (A) Medical Assistance - Capitation.

47 (B) Medical Assistance - Fee-for-service.

48 (C) Payment to Federal Government - Medicare
49 Drug Program.

50 (D) Medical Assistance - Workers with
51 Disabilities.

- 1 (E) Medical Assistance - Long-term living.
2 (F) Medical Assistance - Community -
3 HealthChoices.
4 (G) Long-term Care Managed Care.
5 (H) Intellectual Disabilities - Intermediate
6 Care Facilities.
7 (I) Intellectual Disabilities - Community Waiver
8 Program.
9 (J) Autism Intervention Service.
10 (K) Early Intervention.

11 (ii) The information included in a report under
12 subparagraph (i) shall include the following:

- 13 (A) Number of enrollees by month.
14 (B) Average cost per enrollee.
15 (C) Required payment amounts by appropriation
16 during the fiscal year.
17 (D) Revised estimate of the money needed by the
18 appropriation to make required payments for the
19 remainder of the fiscal year.

20 (iii) If the revised estimates under subparagraph
21 (ii) (D) indicate supplemental money may be necessary, the
22 Secretary of Human Services shall provide a detailed
23 explanation, in writing, of the reasons the revised
24 estimates differ from the General Appropriation Act of
25 2024, or information provided previously under this
26 paragraph.

27 Section 1731-H. Department of Revenue (Reserved).

28 Section 1732-H. Department of State (Reserved).

29 Section 1733-H. Department of Transportation (Reserved).

30 Section 1734-H. Pennsylvania State Police (Reserved).

31 Section 1735-H. Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency.

32 The following shall apply to appropriations for the
33 Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency:

34 (1) Money appropriated for search and rescue programs
35 shall be used to support programs related to training working
36 service dogs focusing on rescue and public safety.

37 (2) Money appropriated for the State Fire Commissioner
38 includes funding for a Statewide recruitment and retention
39 coordinator and regional technical advisors to develop,
40 implement and deliver recruitment and retention training
41 programs and provide technical assistance to local fire
42 organizations and local governments.

43 (3) Money appropriated for State disaster assistance
44 shall be used to provide individual disaster recovery
45 assistance to assist in the recovery from emergencies and
46 nonfederally declared disasters. Amounts under this paragraph
47 may be used for critical needs assistance and to repair
48 damage to residential properties not compensated by insurance
49 or any other funding sources. The Pennsylvania Emergency
50 Management Agency shall develop guidelines to implement this
51 paragraph and submit the guidelines to the Legislative

1 Reference Bureau for publication in the next available issue
2 of the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

3 (4) From money appropriated for urban search and rescue,
4 up to \$6,000,000 shall be distributed to the sponsoring
5 agency of an urban search and rescue task force organized
6 within a regional counterterrorism task force covering a
7 county of the second class established under Chapter 2 of the
8 act of December 16, 2002 (P.L.1967, No.227), known as the
9 Counterterrorism Planning, Preparedness and Response Act.
10 Money distributed under this paragraph shall be used for
11 equipment, equipment storage and training necessary for the
12 urban search and rescue task force to meet or exceed the
13 minimum requirements of a Type 3 urban search and rescue task
14 force as defined by the Federal Emergency Management Agency
15 in the resource-typing definition contained in the National
16 Incident Management System guidelines, document
17 identification number 8-508-1262, published in September
18 2020.

19 Section 1736-H. State-related universities (Reserved).

20 Section 1737-H. State System of Higher Education (Reserved).

21 Section 1738-H. Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance
22 Agency.

23 The following shall apply to appropriations for the
24 Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency:

25 (1) The Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency
26 shall allocate \$500,000 from the Higher Education Assistance
27 Fund for the Cheyney University Keystone Academy.

28 (2) From money appropriated for payment of education
29 assistance grants, the amount of \$1,000,000 shall be
30 allocated to a State-owned university located in Tioga County
31 for merit scholarships.

32 (3) From money appropriated for Pennsylvania Internship
33 Program grants, funds may be used for internship and seminar
34 programs.

35 Section 1739-H. Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology.

36 The following shall apply to appropriations for the Thaddeus
37 Stevens College of Technology:

38 (1) From funds appropriated for Thaddeus Stevens College
39 of Technology, the President of the college shall cause to be
40 prepared and submitted to the Secretary of Education, the
41 President pro tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House
42 of Representatives, the Majority Leader and the Minority
43 Leader of the Senate, the Majority Leader and the Minority
44 Leader of the House of Representatives, the chairperson and
45 minority chairperson of the Education Committee of the Senate
46 and the chairperson and minority chairperson of the Education
47 Committee of the House of Representatives a comprehensive
48 report outlining the use of funds appropriated, to
49 specifically include the strategies and use of funds to
50 expand student enrollment.

51 (2) (Reserved).

1 Section 1740-H. Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission
2 (Reserved).
3 Section 1741-H. Environmental Hearing Board (Reserved).
4 Section 1742-H. Health Care Cost Containment Council
5 (Reserved).
6 Section 1743-H. State Ethics Commission (Reserved).
7 Section 1744-H. Commonwealth Financing Authority (Reserved).

8 SUBARTICLE C

9 STATE GOVERNMENT SUPPORT AGENCIES

10 Section 1751-H. Legislative Reference Bureau (Reserved).
11 Section 1752-H. Legislative Budget and Finance Committee
12 (Reserved).
13 Section 1753-H. Legislative Data Processing Committee
14 (Reserved).
15 Section 1754-H. Joint State Government Commission (Reserved).
16 Section 1755-H. Local Government Commission (Reserved).
17 Section 1756-H. Legislative Audit Advisory Commission
18 (Reserved).
19 Section 1757-H. Independent Regulatory Review Commission
20 (Reserved).
21 Section 1758-H. Capitol Preservation Committee (Reserved).
22 Section 1759-H. Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing
23 (Reserved).
24 Section 1760-H. Center for Rural Pennsylvania (Reserved).
25 Section 1761-H. Commonwealth Mail Processing Center (Reserved).
26 Section 1762-H. Legislative Reapportionment Commission
27 (Reserved).
28 Section 1763-H. Independent Fiscal Office (Reserved).

29 SUBARTICLE D

30 JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

31 Section 1771-H. Supreme Court (Reserved).
32 Section 1772-H. Superior Court (Reserved).
33 Section 1773-H. Commonwealth Court (Reserved).
34 Section 1774-H. Courts of common pleas (Reserved).
35 Section 1775-H. Community courts; magisterial district judges
36 (Reserved).
37 Section 1776-H. Philadelphia Municipal Court (Reserved).
38 Section 1777-H. Judicial Conduct Board (Reserved).
39 Section 1778-H. Court of Judicial Discipline (Reserved).
40 Section 1779-H. Juror cost reimbursement (Reserved).
41 Section 1780-H. County court reimbursement (Reserved).

42 SUBARTICLE E

43 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

44 (Reserved)

45 ARTICLE XVII-I

46 2024-2025 RESTRICTIONS ON APPROPRIATIONS

47 FOR FUNDS AND ACCOUNTS

48 Section 1701-I. Applicability.
49 Except as specifically provided in this article, this article
50 applies to the General Appropriation Act of 2024 and all other
51 appropriation acts of 2024.

1 Section 1702-I. Definitions.
2 The following words and phrases when used in this article
3 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
4 context clearly indicates otherwise:
5 "General Appropriation Act of 2024." The act of _____, 2024
6 (P.L. _____, No. _____), known as the General Appropriation Act of 2024.
7 Section 1703-I. State Lottery Fund.
8 The following apply:
9 (1) Money appropriated for PENNCARE may not be utilized
10 for administrative costs by the Department of Aging.
11 (2) Money appropriated to the Department of Aging shall
12 include sufficient money for the establishment of the
13 Alzheimer's, Dementia and Related Disorders Office.
14 Section 1704-I. Tobacco Settlement Fund (Reserved).
15 Section 1705-I. Judicial Computer System Augmentation Account
16 (Reserved).
17 Section 1706-I. Emergency Medical Services Operating Fund
18 (Reserved).
19 Section 1707-I. The State Stores Fund (Reserved).
20 Section 1708-I. Motor License Fund (Reserved).
21 Section 1709-I. Aviation Restricted Account (Reserved).
22 Section 1710-I. Hazardous Material Response Fund (Reserved).
23 Section 1711-I. Milk Marketing Fund (Reserved).
24 Section 1712-I. HOME Investment Trust Fund (Reserved).
25 Section 1713-I. Tuition Account Guaranteed Savings Program Fund
26 (Reserved).
27 Section 1714-I. Banking Fund (Reserved).
28 Section 1715-I. Firearm Records Check Fund (Reserved).
29 Section 1716-I. Ben Franklin Technology Development Authority
30 Fund (Reserved).
31 Section 1717-I. Oil and Gas Lease Fund (Reserved).
32 Section 1718-I. Home Improvement Account (Reserved).
33 Section 1719-I. Cigarette Fire Safety and Firefighter
34 Protection Act Enforcement Fund (Reserved).
35 Section 1720-I. Insurance Regulation and Oversight Fund
36 (Reserved).
37 Section 1721-I. Pennsylvania Race Horse Development Restricted
38 Receipts Account (Reserved).
39 Section 1722-I. Justice Reinvestment Fund (Reserved).
40 Section 1723-I. Multimodal Transportation Fund (Reserved).
41 Section 1724-I. State Racing Fund (Reserved).
42 Section 1725-I. ABLE Savings Program Fund (Reserved).
43 Section 1726-I. Tourism Promotion Fund (Reserved).
44 Section 1727-I. Enhanced Revenue Collection Account (Reserved).
45 Section 1728-I. (Reserved).
46 Section 1729-I. Opioid Settlement Restricted Account
47 (Reserved).
48 Section 1730-I. COVID-19 Response Restricted Account
49 (Reserved).
50 Section 1731-I. Pennsylvania Preferred® Trademark Licensing
51 Fund.

1 Notwithstanding 3 Pa.C.S. § 4616 (relating to Pennsylvania
2 Preferred® Trademark Licensing Fund), the Department of
3 Agriculture may use money deposited into the Pennsylvania
4 Preferred® Trademark Licensing Fund to promote one or more of
5 the funding objectives under 3 Pa.C.S. § 4616(c) through the
6 awarding of grants.

7 Section 1732-I. Agricultural Conservation Easement Purchase
8 Fund.

9 (1) In addition to the uses provided in section 7.3 of
10 the act of June 18, 1982 (P.L.549, No.159), entitled "An act
11 providing for the administration of certain Commonwealth
12 farmland within the Department of Agriculture," the
13 department may use up to a total of \$165,000 in the
14 Agricultural Conservation Easement Purchase Fund under
15 section 7.1 of the act of June 18, 1982 (P.L.549, No.159),
16 entitled "An act providing for the administration of certain
17 Commonwealth farmland within the Department of Agriculture,"
18 to issue grants not to exceed \$5,000 each for succession
19 planning to ensure that agricultural operations continue on
20 land subject to agricultural conservation easements. The
21 department, in consultation with the State Agricultural Land
22 Preservation Board, shall establish eligibility criteria for
23 awarding grants under this section.

24 (2) (Reserved).

25 Section 1732.1-I. Gaming Economic Development and Tourism Fund.

26 The following shall apply:

27 (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of 4 Pa.C.S. Pt. II
28 (relating to gaming) and the act of July 9, 2008 (P.L.908,
29 No.63), known as the H2O PA Act, \$6,000,000 is appropriated
30 from the Gaming Economic Development and Tourism Fund to the
31 Department of General Services to meet additional payment
32 obligations for the project itemized in section 3(2)(i)(D) of
33 the act of July 25, 2007 (P.L.342, No.53), known as the
34 Pennsylvania Gaming Economic Development and Tourism Fund
35 Capital Budget Itemization Act of 2007.

36 (2) The sum of \$5,000,000 is appropriated from the
37 Pennsylvania Gaming Economic Development Fund to the Sports,
38 Marketing and Tourism account for use by the department in
39 accordance with section 1722-A.2(d)(2).

40 Section 1733-I. Restricted receipt accounts.

41 (a) Authority.--The Secretary of the Budget may create
42 restricted receipt accounts for the purpose of administering
43 Federal grants only for the purposes designated in this section.

44 (b) Department of Community and Economic Development.--The
45 following restricted receipt accounts may be established for the
46 Department of Community and Economic Development:

47 (1) ARC Housing Revolving Loan Program.

48 (2) Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund.

49 (c) Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.--The
50 following restricted receipt accounts may be established for the
51 Department of Conservation and Natural Resources:

- 1 (1) Federal Aid to volunteer fire companies.
2 (2) Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (Public
3 Law 88-578, 16 U.S.C. § 4601-4 et seq.).
4 (3) National Forest Reserve Allotment.
5 (d) Department of Education.--The following restricted
6 receipt accounts may be established for the Department of
7 Education:
8 (1) Education of the Disabled - Part C.
9 (2) LSTA - Library Grants.
10 (3) The Pennsylvania State University Federal Aid.
11 (4) Emergency Immigration Education Assistance.
12 (5) Education of the Disabled - Part D.
13 (6) Homeless Adult Assistance Program.
14 (7) Severely Handicapped.
15 (8) Medical Assistance Reimbursements to Local Education
16 Agencies.
17 (e) Department of Environmental Protection.--The following
18 restricted receipt accounts may be established for the
19 Department of Environmental Protection:
20 (1) Federal Water Resources Planning Act.
21 (2) Flood Control Payments.
22 (3) Soil and Water Conservation Act - Inventory of
23 Programs.
24 (f) Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs.--The following
25 restricted receipt accounts may be established for the
26 Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs:
27 (1) Share Loan Program.
28 (2) (Reserved).
29 (g) Department of Transportation.--The following restricted
30 receipt accounts may be established for the Department of
31 Transportation:
32 (1) Capital Assistance Elderly and Handicapped Programs.
33 (2) Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Assistance.
34 (3) Ridesharing/Van Pool Program - Acquisition.
35 (h) Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency.--The following
36 restricted receipt accounts may be established for the
37 Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency:
38 (1) Receipts from Federal Government - Disaster Relief -
39 Disaster Relief Assistance to State and Political
40 Subdivisions.
41 (2) (Reserved).
42 (i) Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission.--The
43 following restricted receipt accounts may be established for the
44 Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission:
45 (1) Federal Grant - National Historic Preservation Act.
46 (2) (Reserved).
47 (j) Executive offices.--The following restricted receipt
48 accounts may be established for the executive offices:
49 (1) Retired Employees Medicare Part D.
50 (2) Justice Assistance.
51 (3) Juvenile Accountability Incentive.

1 (4) Early Retiree Reinsurance Program.

2 Section 1734-I. Fund transfers.

3 (a) Environmental Stewardship Fund.--From money received
4 under the authority of Article III of the act of March 4, 1971
5 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, the sum of
6 \$9,944,000 shall be transferred to the Environmental Stewardship
7 Fund.

8 (b) Well Plugging Restricted Revenue Account.--
9 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, \$5,000,000 shall be
10 transferred from the Waste Transportation Safety Account to the
11 Well Plugging Restricted Revenue Account.

12 (c) Crime Victim Services and Compensation Fund.--
13 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, \$5,000,000 of the
14 money transferred to the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board under
15 4 Pa.C.S. § 1408(c) (relating to transfers from State Gaming
16 Fund) shall be transferred to the Crime Victim Services and
17 Compensation Fund.

18 ARTICLE XVIII

19 STREAMLINING PERMITS FOR ECONOMIC EXPANSION

20 AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

21 Section 1801. Scope of article.

22 This article relates to the expedited review of permit
23 applications submitted to the department.

24 Section 1802. Definitions.

25 The following words and phrases when used in this article
26 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
27 context clearly indicates otherwise:

28 "Applicant." An entity listed under section 1803(f) that
29 submits an application to the permitting entity under section
30 1803(e).

31 "Department." The Department of Environmental Protection of
32 the Commonwealth.

33 "Eligible permit." A permit identified by the department as
34 eligible for the program under section 1803(c).

35 "Permit decision." The issuance or denial of a permit.

36 "Permit decision timeline." One of the following:

37 (1) the total number of business days allotted for
38 review of an eligible permit in Final Technical Guidance
39 document 021-2100-001, notice of which was published in the
40 Pennsylvania Bulletin on November 3, 2012, as directed by
41 executive order 2012-1, known as the Permit Decision
42 Guarantee;

43 (2) the total number of business days allocated for
44 review of an eligible permit as determined by the department,
45 if not included in the notice under paragraph (1); or

46 (3) the total number of business days agreed to between
47 the applicant and permitting entity.

48 "Permitting entity." Either of the following:

49 (1) The department.

50 (2) A county conservation district with a valid
51 delegation agreement with the department to conduct reviews

1 of permits to conduct earth disturbance activities issued
2 under 25 Pa. Code Ch. 102 (relating to erosion and sediment
3 control).

4 "Priority review." Heightened review in which a decision to
5 issue or deny an eligible permit application shall be rendered
6 within 10 business days of the expiration of the permit decision
7 timeline by the Regional Director or Bureau Director overseeing
8 that permitting program or the applicable county conservation
9 district.

10 "Program." The Streamlining Permits for Economic Expansion
11 and Development Program established under section 1803(a).

12 "Qualified professional." An individual who satisfies the
13 requirements under section 1803(d).

14 "Tolling period." The time period commencing on the date
15 that the permitting entity sends a notice that the application
16 is incomplete or technically deficient under section 1803(i) and
17 ending on the date when the permitting entity receives the
18 applicant's resubmitted application.

19 Section 1803. The Streamlining Permit for Economic Expansion
20 and Development Program.

21 (a) Establishment.--The Streamlining Permits For Economic
22 Expansion And Development Program is established within the
23 department to provide an expedited review process for eligible
24 permits.

25 (b) Process.--Within 60 days of the effective date of this
26 subsection, the department, in consultation with the Department
27 of General Services, shall establish a process to, and within 90
28 days shall, issue requests for proposals to engage qualified
29 professionals to provide expedited reviews of eligible permits.

30 (c) Eligible permit.--A permit identified by the department
31 as eligible for the program, including, but not limited to, the
32 following:

33 (1) A State-only plan approval to:

34 (i) construct, assemble, install or modify any
35 stationary air contamination source; or

36 (ii) install on a stationary air contamination
37 source any air pollution control equipment or device
38 issued under section 6.1 of the act of January 8, 1960
39 (1959 P.L.2119, No.787), known as the Air Pollution
40 Control Act or 25 Pa. Code § 127.11 (relating to plan
41 approval requirements).

42 (2) An individual or general permit to conduct earth
43 disturbance activities issued under 25 Pa. Code Ch. 102
44 (relating to erosion and sediment control).

45 (3) An individual permit issued under 25 Pa. Code Ch.
46 105 (relating to dam safety and waterway management) that:

47 (i) includes cumulative impacts to waters of the
48 United States that are eligible for authorization by the
49 department under the United States Army Corps of
50 Engineers Pennsylvania State Programmatic General Permit-
51 6 (PASPGP-6), or a successor general permit; or

1 (ii) authorizes the construction or modification of
2 a dam as defined in section 3 of the act of November 26,
3 1978 (P.L.1375, No.325), known as the Dam Safety and
4 Encroachments Act.

5 (d) Qualified professional.--An individual who:

6 (1) is a professional engineer, land surveyor,
7 geologist, landscape architect or other licensed professional
8 who may be necessary to review applications under the review
9 program;

10 (2) has five years of relevant permitting experience in
11 this Commonwealth;

12 (3) holds all required professional licenses as required
13 by law;

14 (4) has not been convicted of, or pled guilty to:

15 (i) an environmental crime, or a similar or related
16 criminal offense under Federal or State law; or

17 (ii) a crime involving fraud, theft by deception,
18 forgery or a similar or related criminal offense under
19 Federal or State law;

20 (5) has not had a professional license revoked by a
21 State licensing board or any other professional licensing
22 agency within the previous 10 years; and

23 (6) agrees to be responsible for the qualified
24 professionals costs if the qualified professional does not
25 perform the initial review according to the timeline and
26 other requirements of subsection (h).

27 (e) Application.--An applicant for an eligible permit may
28 request to participate in the program. The applicant seeking to
29 participate in the program shall, in a form and manner as
30 prescribed by the department:

31 (1) indicate an intent to participate in the program;

32 (2) agree to pay all costs associated with the expedited
33 review of an eligible permit; and

34 (3) submit a completed application to the permitting
35 entity.

36 (f) Eligible applicant.--A person, corporation,
37 municipality, municipal authority, political subdivision,
38 Federal or State agency or other legal entity may submit an
39 application under subsection (e).

40 (g) Qualified professional selection.--

41 (1) Within 10 business days of receiving a request to
42 participate in the program, the permitting entity shall:

43 (i) If there are more than 10 eligible and available
44 qualified professionals, provide the applicant with a
45 list of 3 qualified professionals from which to select a
46 qualified professional to conduct an initial permit
47 review.

48 (ii) If there are more than 1 and less than 10
49 eligible and available qualified professionals, select a
50 qualified professional to conduct an initial permit
51 review.

1 (2) Prior to agreeing to perform an initial permit
2 review, the qualified professional shall certify to the
3 department, in a form and manner prescribed by the
4 department, that the qualified professional:

5 (i) has not performed services for the applicant
6 within three years of the date of submission of the
7 permit application; and

8 (ii) does not have any other conflict of interest
9 that may prohibit the qualified professional from
10 performing the initial permit review.

11 (3) The permit decision timeline shall commence on the
12 day following the qualified professional's submission of the
13 certification required under paragraph (2).

14 (h) Initial permit review.--The qualified professional shall
15 conduct an initial comprehensive review of the eligible permit,
16 which shall:

17 (1) Be subject to all standards, technical
18 specifications, scope of review and other requirements as
19 required by the department.

20 (2) Be conducted on a timeline established by the
21 department that will enable a permit decision within the
22 permit decision timeline.

23 (3) Be in accordance with all applicable Federal and
24 State laws and regulations, including applicable Federal and
25 State laws and regulations to protect public health, safety
26 and the environment.

27 (4) Include a recommendation as to the permit decision,
28 which shall include:

29 (i) a list of deficiencies, if any; and

30 (ii) an analysis of the basis for the recommendation
31 and supporting documentation as required by the
32 department.

33 (5) Be subjected to the final review of the permitting
34 entity in accordance with subsection (i).

35 (i) Final review and permit decision.--Upon completion of an
36 initial permit review under subsection (h), the permitting
37 entity shall review the recommendation of the qualified
38 professional and take any additional action needed prior to
39 making a final permit decision. The following shall apply:

40 (1) If the permitting entity reviews the application and
41 the recommendation of the qualified professional and
42 determines that the application is complete and not
43 technically deficient, the permitting entity shall complete
44 the final review and make a final permit decision regarding
45 an eligible permit under the program within the permit
46 decision timeline.

47 (2) If the permitting entity reviews the application and
48 the recommendation of the qualified professional and
49 determines that the application is incomplete or technically
50 deficient, the permitting entity shall notify the applicant
51 in writing or by electronic means of all the following:

1 (i) The statute or regulation that requires a
2 correction or additional information within the
3 application.

4 (ii) The reasons why the application does not
5 conform with the statute or regulation specified under
6 subparagraph (i) in clear language that is readily
7 understandable by a layperson.

8 (iii) The correction or additional information
9 needed for the permitting entity to issue the permit.

10 (3) Failure by the permitting entity to issue a permit
11 decision within the permit decision timeline shall result in
12 the application immediately being subject to priority review,
13 unless waived by the applicant.

14 (4) Failure by the department to issue a permit decision
15 by the conclusion of the priority review period shall result
16 in a refund to the applicant equal to the actual costs of the
17 qualified professionals review and total permit fees paid by
18 the applicant, unless waived by the applicant.

19 (5) Failure by the conservation district to issue a
20 permit decision by the conclusion of the priority review
21 period shall result in a refund to the applicant equal to the
22 total permit fees paid by the applicant, unless waived by the
23 applicant.

24 (6) Failure by the permitting entity to issue a permit
25 decision by the conclusion of the priority review period
26 shall constitute a permitting entity decision subject to the
27 Environmental Hearing Board's jurisdiction under section 4 of
28 the act of July 13, 1988 (P.L.530, No.94), known as the
29 Environmental Hearing Board Act. The following shall apply:

30 (i) Upon a properly filed appeal of the permitting
31 entity's decision not to issue a permit by the conclusion
32 of the priority review period, the Environmental Hearing
33 Board may hold a hearing and issue an adjudication
34 consistent with the Environmental Hearing Board's
35 practice and procedure under 25 Pa. Code Ch. 1021
36 (relating to practice and procedure) and may remand the
37 matter back to the permitting entity to make a permit
38 decision by a specified date.

39 (ii) The Environmental Hearing Board's review in the
40 appeal under subparagraph (i) shall be limited to the
41 permitting entity decision not to issue permits within
42 the allotted timeline under this section.

43 (iii) The Environmental Hearing Board shall set any
44 appeal brought under this section for expedited
45 consideration.

46 (7) The permit decision timeline shall not include more
47 than two tolling periods during the permitting entity's final
48 review, unless waived by the applicant.

49 (8) If the permitting entity denies a permit, the
50 permitting entity shall notify the applicant in writing or by
51 electronic means of the procedure an applicant is required to

1 employ to initiate an appeal of an adverse permitting entity
2 decision.

3 (j) Actual costs for expedited review.--The applicant shall
4 pay the actual costs, as determined by the department, of the
5 expedited review. The following shall apply:

6 (1) The actual costs shall be based on an hourly rate
7 charged by the qualified professional and the number of hours
8 required to perform the expedited review or a set fee charged
9 by the qualified professional.

10 (2) The applicant must pay all other applicable fees
11 associated with the eligible permit.

12 (3) Each year, the department shall publish the hourly
13 rates or set fees of the qualified professional engaged under
14 subsection (b).

15 Section 1804. Tracking system for permit application.

16 (a) Establishment.--The department shall establish, maintain
17 and make available a secure tracking system for applications
18 submitted electronically to the department to allow applicants
19 to track the status of applications. The tracking system shall
20 be published on the department's publicly accessible Internet
21 website within 180 days of the effective date of legislation
22 fully funding the development of the secure tracking system.

23 (b) Notice.--Within five business days after receiving an
24 application, the department shall notify an applicant in writing
25 or by electronic means that the application was received and
26 provide information instructing the applicant in the utilization
27 of the tracking system established under subsection (a).

28 (c) System contents.--The tracking system shall include the
29 following:

30 (1) The processing timeline for each permit, the
31 statutory and regulatory authority and the department's
32 policy establishing the processing timeline.

33 (2) The dates associated with the receipt of each
34 permit, completeness review, technical review, priority
35 review, if necessary, and the final permit decision.

36 (3) The identity and contact information for the
37 department contact assigned to answer questions about the
38 application process.

39 Section 1805. Construction.

40 Nothing in this article shall be construed to:

41 (1) limit or otherwise alter the department's authority
42 to revoke a permit for failure to comply with the laws of
43 this Commonwealth; or

44 (2) require the department to operate the program in
45 violation of Federal law or regulation.

46 ARTICLE XVIII-A

47 PENNSYLVANIA STRATEGIC INVESTMENTS TO
48 ENHANCE SITES (PA SITES) PROGRAM

49 Section 1801-A. Scope of article.

50 This article relates to the Pennsylvania Strategic
51 Investments to Enhance Sites (PA SITES) Program.

1 Section 1802-A. Definitions.

2 The following words and phrases when used in this article
3 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
4 context clearly indicates otherwise:

5 "Authority." The Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing
6 Authority.

7 "Bond." A type of revenue obligation, including a bond or
8 series of bonds, note, certificate or other instrument, issued
9 by the authority for the benefit of the department under this
10 article.

11 "Bond administrative expenses." Expenses incurred to
12 administer bonds issued by the authority under this article as
13 provided under the Financing Law or as otherwise necessary to
14 ensure compliance with Federal or State law.

15 "Bond obligations." The principal of a bond and any premium
16 and interest payable on a bond issued by the authority under
17 this article, together with any amount owed under a related
18 credit agreement or a related resolution of the authority
19 authorizing a bond, including refunding bonds.

20 "Comprehensive Real Estate Plan." A plan or feasibility
21 study for a prospective site which may include the best future
22 use of a current parcel or parcels for best economic growth
23 opportunities for redevelopment or new development.

24 "Commonwealth Financing Authority." The authority created
25 under 64 Pa.C.S. Ch. 15 (relating to Commonwealth Financing
26 Authority).

27 "Credit agreement." A loan agreement, a revolving credit
28 agreement, an agreement establishing a line of credit, a letter
29 of credit or another agreement that enhances the marketability,
30 security or creditworthiness of a bond.

31 "Department." The Department of Community and Economic
32 Development of the Commonwealth.

33 "Economic development organization." A nonprofit
34 organization whose mission is to advance the economic
35 development needs of a locality or region.

36 "Eligible applicant." One of the following entities located
37 within this Commonwealth:

- 38 (1) a municipality;
39 (2) an economic development organization;
40 (3) a redevelopment authority;
41 (4) a municipal authority;
42 (5) an industrial development agency; or
43 (6) a for-profit organization.

44 "Eligible projects." Any of the following:

- 45 (1) The development of a comprehensive real estate plan.
46 (2) The development of industrial sites that provide for
47 the relocation or expansion of businesses to or within this
48 Commonwealth.

- 49 (3) The development, or conversion, of buildings or land
50 for mixed-use development.

51 "Financing Law." The act of August 23, 1967 (P.L.251,

1 No.102), known as the Economic Development Financing Law.
2 "Fund." The PA SITES Fund established under section 1806-A.
3 "Industrial development agency." As defined under section 3
4 of the act of May 17, 1956 (1955 P.L.1609, No.537), known as the
5 Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority Act.
6 "Multimodal Transportation Funding Program." A program
7 authorized under 74 Pa.C.S. Ch. 21 (relating to Multimodal
8 Fund).
9 "Municipal authority." A body corporate and politic created
10 under 53 Pa.C.S. Ch. 56 (relating to municipal authorities); the
11 former act of June 28, 1935 (P.L.463, No.191), known as the
12 Municipality Authorities Act of one thousand nine hundred and
13 thirty-five; or the former act of May 2, 1945 (P.L.382, No.164),
14 known as the Municipality Authorities Act of 1945.
15 "Municipality." A county, city, borough, incorporated town,
16 township or home rule municipality.
17 "Office." The Office of the Budget of the Commonwealth.
18 "Program." The Pennsylvania Strategic Investments To Enhance
19 Sites Program or PA SITES Program established under section
20 1808-A.
21 "Redevelopment authority." A public body and a body
22 corporate and politic created and organized under the act of May
23 24, 1945 (P.L.991, No.385), known as the Urban Redevelopment
24 Law.
25 "PA Small Water and Sewer Program." The program established
26 in section 1774.1-A.
27 Section 1803-A. Bond issuance.
28 (a) Declaration of policy.--The General Assembly finds and
29 declares that funding the development of sites for businesses to
30 locate or expand within this Commonwealth by assisting in
31 reduction of development risk, including interest, through the
32 authority, is in the best interest of this Commonwealth.
33 (b) Authority.--Notwithstanding any other law, the following
34 shall apply:
35 (1) The department, with the prior approval of the
36 office, may be a project applicant under the Financing Law
37 and may apply to the authority for money from the program.
38 The Commonwealth Financing Authority may be a project
39 applicant under the Financing Law and may apply to the
40 authority for money to fund projects that the Commonwealth
41 Financing Authority may fund under the Multimodal
42 Transportation Funding Program and to fund projects under the
43 PA Small Water and Sewer Program.
44 (2) The authority may issue bonds under the Financing
45 Law, consistent with this article, to finance: the program
46 which will provide funds for regional planning efforts as
47 well as the redevelopment, reuse or revitalization of a
48 previously utilized site for future use by businesses or
49 others or the development of an undeveloped site in this
50 Commonwealth; projects under the Multimodal Transportation
51 Funding Program; and, projects under the PA Small Water and

1 Sewer Program.

2 (c) Debt or liability.--

3 (1) Bonds issued under this article shall not be a debt
4 or liability of the Commonwealth and shall not create or
5 constitute any indebtedness, liability or obligation of the
6 Commonwealth.

7 (2) Bond obligations and bond administrative expenses
8 shall be payable solely from money pledged or available for
9 repayment as authorized under this article. This paragraph
10 shall include the proceeds of the issuance of bonds.

11 (3) Each bond shall contain on its face a statement
12 that:

13 (i) the authority is obligated to pay the principal
14 or interest on the bonds only from the money pledged or
15 available for repayment as authorized under this article;

16 (ii) neither the Commonwealth nor any political
17 subdivision is obligated to pay the principal or
18 interest; and

19 (iii) neither the full faith and credit of the
20 Commonwealth or any political subdivision is pledged to
21 the payment of the principal or interest on the bonds.

22 Section 1804-A. Criteria for bond issuance.

23 (a) Issuance.--Bonds may be issued in one or more series,
24 and each series may finance: loans and reimbursement grants by
25 the department under the program; grants that the Commonwealth
26 Financing Authority may make under Multimodal Transportation
27 Funding Program; and, grants the Commonwealth Financing
28 Authority may make under the PA Small Water and Sewer Program.

29 (b) Terms.--

30 (1) The department, with the approval of the office,
31 shall specify in the department's application to the
32 authority:

33 (i) the maximum principal amount of the bonds for
34 each bond issue; and

35 (ii) the maximum term of the bonds consistent with
36 applicable laws.

37 (2) The total aggregate principal amount for all bonds
38 issued under this article may not exceed \$500,000,000.

39 (3) The term of the bonds issued under this article may
40 not exceed 30 years from the respective date of original
41 issuance, excluding refunding bonds.

42 Section 1805-A. Issuance of bonds, pledge, service agreement
43 and security.

44 (a) Issuance.--The authority shall issue bonds upon approval
45 of an application by the department. Bonds issued under this
46 article shall be subject to the provisions of the Financing Law,
47 unless otherwise specified in this article.

48 (b) Service agreement authorized.--

49 (1) The authority, the Commonwealth Financing Authority
50 and the department may enter into an agreement or service
51 agreement to effectuate this article, under which the

1 department and the Commonwealth Financing Authority shall
2 agree to pay the bond obligations and bond administrative
3 expenses to the authority in each fiscal year that the bonds
4 or refunding bonds are outstanding in amounts sufficient to
5 timely pay in full the bond obligations, bond administrative
6 expenses and any other financing costs due on the bonds
7 issued for the purposes specified in this article.

8 (2) The department's and the Commonwealth Financing
9 Authority's payment of bond obligations, bond administrative
10 expenses and other financing costs due on the bonds as
11 service charges under an agreement or service agreement shall
12 be subject to and dependent upon the appropriation of funds
13 by the General Assembly to the department and the
14 Commonwealth Financing Authority for payment of the service
15 charges. The service agreements may be amended or
16 supplemented by the authority, the Commonwealth Financing
17 Authority, and the department in connection with the issuance
18 of a series of bonds or refunding bonds authorized under this
19 section.

20 (c) Security.--Bond obligations and bond administrative
21 expenses may be secured for the benefit of the holders of the
22 bonds and the obligees under credit agreements or the agreements
23 under subsection (c), by pledge of a security interest in the
24 following:

25 (1) Money relating to the bonds held on deposit in any
26 other fund or account under an instrument or agreement
27 pertaining to the bonds, including bond reserves and interest
28 income on the money.

29 (2) The security provided under this subsection shall
30 not apply to money in any fund relating to arbitrage rebate
31 obligations.

32 Section 1806-A. Establishment of fund, sale of bonds and
33 deposit.

34 (a) Establishment of fund.--The PA SITES Fund is established
35 in the State Treasury as a restricted account.

36 (b) Sale of bonds.--The authority shall offer the bonds or
37 each series of bonds, including refunding bonds, for sale by a
38 public, competitive sale or a negotiated sale based on the
39 authority's determination of which method will produce the most
40 benefit to the Commonwealth.

41 (c) Deposit of bond proceeds.--The net proceeds of the bonds
42 or each series of bonds, other than refunding bonds, exclusive
43 of costs of issuance, reserves and any other financing charges,
44 shall be deposited into the fund. Up to \$400,000,000 of proceeds
45 shall be deposited into a subaccount with the fund to be
46 administered by the authority or the department pursuant to this
47 article, and \$100,000,000 of proceeds shall be deposited into a
48 subaccount within the fund to be administered by the
49 Commonwealth Financing Authority pursuant to this article.

50 (d) Deposit of repayments and other money.--Money received
51 from the recapture of grants or as loan repayments received

1 under the program or money otherwise made available to the
2 program shall be deposited into the fund and made available for
3 additional grants and loans under section 1808-A.

4 Section 1807-A. Use of bond proceeds.

5 (a) Order.--Upon issuance of bonds, the proceeds shall be
6 applied in the following order:

7 (1) pay the costs of issuance of the bonds, including
8 any refunding bonds;

9 (2) fund bond reserves;

10 (3) refund outstanding bonds, if applicable;

11 (4) make any other deposit required under any instrument
12 or agreement pertaining to the bonds; and

13 (5) deposit the balance into the subaccounts within the
14 fund for the department and the Commonwealth Financing
15 Authority.

16 (b) Application of balance.--The bond proceeds deposited
17 under subsection (a) (5) are appropriated to and shall be
18 expended by the department and by the Commonwealth Financing
19 Authority as follows:

20 (1) For the department to make program grants and loans
21 to approved eligible applicants under section 1808-A from the
22 respective subaccount within the fund.

23 (2) From the \$100,000,000 in the subaccount for use by
24 the Commonwealth Financing Authority:

25 (i) \$50,000,000 for grants through the Multimodal
26 Transportation Fund Program.

27 (ii) \$50,000,000 for grants through the PA Small
28 Water and Sewer Program.

29 (3) For the expenses in the administration of the
30 program, the department and the Commonwealth Financing
31 Authority may use an amount not to exceed 0.2% of the bond
32 proceeds in the aggregate over the life of the program drawn
33 proportionally from both subaccounts within the fund.

34 (4) The department may not expend more than the
35 following from proceeds of the fund:

36 (i) In fiscal year 2024-2025, no more than
37 \$125,000,000.

38 (ii) In fiscal year 2025-2026, no more than
39 \$175,000,000 plus any unexpended money available from the
40 2024-2025 fiscal year.

41 (iii) In fiscal year 2026-2027, no more than
42 \$100,000,000 plus any unexpended money available from
43 2024-2025 or 2025-2026 fiscal years.

44 Section 1808-A. PA SITES Program.

45 (a) Establishment, administration and purpose.--

46 (1) The Pennsylvania Strategic Investments To Enhance
47 Sites Program or PA SITES Program is established in the
48 department.

49 (2) The department shall administer the program to
50 provide grants and loans to approved eligible applicants for
51 eligible projects from the bond proceeds deposited in the

1 department's subaccount within the fund.

2 (3) No less than fifteen percent of the proceeds in the
3 subaccount shall be used for loans.

4 (b) Eligible projects.--The department may award a grant or
5 loan to an approved eligible applicant for the following costs
6 of an eligible project:

7 (1) Acquisition of land and buildings, rights of way and
8 easements.

9 (2) The construction or rehabilitation of one or more of
10 the following:

11 (i) Storm water drainage systems.

12 (ii) Energy infrastructure that supports the
13 generation and distribution of power and any end uses
14 necessitated by the site, including, but not limited to,
15 heating, cooling or energy used as an input for
16 manufacturing.

17 (iii) Sanitary sewer systems, including, but not
18 limited to, the construction or repair of sewage
19 collection lines and sewage treatment facilities,
20 including proration of costs for needed off-site
21 facilities.

22 (iv) Water supply facilities, including, but not
23 limited to, construction or repair of ground water
24 sources, water lines and water storage and treatment
25 facilities, including proration of costs for needed off-
26 site facilities.

27 (v) Transportation facilities directly affecting the
28 site of the proposed development, including:

29 (A) on-site and off-site road improvements;

30 (B) traffic signals;

31 (C) parking facilities;

32 (D) sidewalks;

33 (E) bridges;

34 (F) rails, including, but not limited to, the
35 construction or rehabilitation of spurs, signals,
36 crossings and intermodal facilities; and

37 (G) port-related facilities, including, but not
38 limited to, dredging, docking facilities, bulkheads
39 and intermodal facilities.

40 (vi) Facilities for the transmission of information,
41 including, but not limited to, telephone lines, fiber-
42 optic telecommunications lines and towers for wireless
43 communications.

44 (3) Demolition of existing structures at the site and
45 removal of abandoned foundations at the site.

46 (4) The department may provide grant or loan money for
47 the rehabilitation of existing on-site buildings if the
48 eligible applicant can demonstrate that the potential for
49 site reuse will be greater with the existing structure or
50 structures.

51 (5) The clearing and preparation of land for

1 construction.

2 (6) Environmental site assessment and remediation.

3 (7) Related engineering, design and inspection costs.

4 (8) Signage, landscaping and street lighting.

5 (9) Administrative costs, permit fees, legal costs and
6 expenses for other professional services not to exceed five
7 percent of the total grant or loan award.

8 (10) Costs associated with the development of a
9 comprehensive real estate plan.

10 (c) Limitations.--The amount of funding available for costs
11 under subsection (b)(10) shall not exceed \$5,000,000.

12 (d) Department responsibilities.--The department shall:

13 (1) Develop written guidelines for the administration of
14 the program to be published on the department's publicly
15 accessible Internet website.

16 (2) Develop a certification program which verifies the
17 site readiness of marketed sites across this Commonwealth.

18 (3) Develop a written competitive application and
19 application process for the program. The grant and loan
20 processes and application shall be available on the
21 department's publicly accessible Internet website.

22 (4) Develop a grant agreement for the program that
23 includes provisions requiring an eligible applicant to return
24 any unused or improperly used grant money to the
25 Commonwealth.

26 (5) Develop loan documentation for the program
27 consistent with this article.

28 (d) Evaluation criteria.--The department shall evaluate
29 program applications on the following criteria:

30 (1) The eligible applicant's need for program funding
31 for the eligible project.

32 (2) The feasibility of the proposed project, including
33 whether the eligible applicant can complete the project with
34 the available funding, including the proposed non-State
35 source matching funds and the program grant or loan.

36 (3) The marketability of the site once the site has been
37 fully developed.

38 (4) The need for developed business-ready sites in the
39 community or surrounding area.

40 (5) The increased employment opportunities resulting
41 from the project in the community or the surrounding area.

42 (6) The amount and sources of non-State source matching
43 money proposed to be invested in the project by the eligible
44 applicant.

45 (7) The eligible applicant's demonstration of site
46 control.

47 (8) The proposed time frame for commencement and
48 completion of the project.

49 (9) Other criteria specified by the department in the
50 program application that the department deems necessary to
51 conduct a full evaluation of program applications.

1 Section 1809-A. Payment of bond obligations and bond
2 administrative expenses.

3 (a) PA SITES Debt Service Restricted Account.--The PA SITES
4 Debt Service Restricted Account is established in the General
5 Fund for the purpose of paying all bond obligations due on bonds
6 issued by the authority under this article and all related bond
7 administrative expenses due each fiscal year, including
8 refunding bonds. Money deposited into the restricted account is
9 appropriated to the department for the payment of bond
10 obligations due on the bonds issued under this article,
11 including refunding bonds, and bond administrative expenses of
12 the department or the authority, or the Commonwealth Financing
13 Authority in connection with the bonds.

14 (b) Transmission of amount to General Assembly.--For each
15 fiscal year in which bond obligations and bond administrative
16 expenses will be due, the authority and the Commonwealth
17 Financing Authority shall notify the department of the amount of
18 bond obligations and the estimated amount of bond expenses in
19 sufficient time to permit the department to request an
20 appropriation sufficient to pay all bond obligations and bond
21 administrative expenses that will be due and payable in the
22 following fiscal year. The authority's calculation, and the
23 Commonwealth Financing Authority's calculation, of the bond
24 obligations and bond administrative expenses shall both be
25 subject to verification by the department.

26 (c) Annual deposit.--All monies appropriated to the
27 department by the General Assembly for the payment of bond
28 obligations and bond administrative expenses for the term of the
29 bonds, including refunding bonds, shall be deposited in the PA
30 SITES Debt Service Restricted Account.

31 Section 1810-A. Commonwealth not to impair bond-related
32 obligations.

33 The Commonwealth shall not do any of the following while each
34 bond or series of bonds, together with interest on the bonds,
35 are outstanding and have not been fully met and discharged:

36 (1) Limit or alter the rights and responsibilities of
37 the authority, the Commonwealth Financing Authority, or the
38 department under this article, including the responsibility
39 to:

40 (i) pay bond obligations and bond administrative
41 expenses; and

42 (ii) comply with any other instrument or agreement
43 pertaining to bonds.

44 (2) Alter or limit the service agreement or security
45 interest.

46 (3) Impair the rights and remedies of the holders of
47 bonds.

48 Section 1811-A. No personal liability.

49 The members, directors, officers and employees of the
50 department, the office, the authority, and the Commonwealth
51 Financing Authority shall not be personally liable as a result

1 of good faith exercise of the rights and responsibilities
2 granted under this article.

3 Section 1812-A. Annual report.

4 No later than March 1 of the year following the first full
5 year in which bonds have been issued under this article and for
6 each year thereafter in which bond obligations existed in the
7 prior year, the department shall submit an annual report to the
8 chair and minority chair of the Appropriations Committee of the
9 Senate, the chair and minority chair of the State Government
10 Committee of the Senate, the chair and minority chair of the
11 Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives and the
12 chair and minority chair of the State Government Committee of
13 the House of Representatives providing all data available on
14 bonds issued or existing in the prior year. The report shall
15 include existing and anticipated bond principal, interest and
16 administrative costs, revenue, repayments, refinancing, overall
17 benefits to counties and any other relevant data, facts and
18 statistics that the department believes necessary in the content
19 of the report. The Commonwealth Financing Authority shall
20 cooperate with the department and the authority in the
21 preparation of all reports and requests required under this
22 article.

23 Section 1813-A. Expiration.

24 The authorization to issue bonds, other than refunding bonds,
25 under this article shall expire two years from the effective
26 date of this section.

27 ARTICLE LXXX

28 FISCAL SUPPLEMENTS TO STATUTORY PROGRAMS

29 SUBARTICLE A

30 (Reserved)

31 SUBARTICLE B

32 TOWNSHIPS OF THE FIRST CLASS

33 Section 80011. Enhanced fire service in eligible townships of
34 the first class.

35 (a) Authorization.--Notwithstanding section 1709(a)(2)(i),
36 (ii) and (iii) of the act of June 24, 1931 (P.L.1206, No.331,
37 known as The First Class Township Code, an eligible township
38 may, by ordinance, levy an annual tax not exceeding 10 mills and
39 appropriate the revenue collected from the tax for the following
40 purposes:

41 (1) Building and maintaining suitable places for the
42 housing of fire apparatus.

43 (2) Purchasing, maintaining and operating fire
44 apparatus.

45 (3) Making appropriations to fire companies located
46 inside or outside of the eligible township.

47 (4) Contracting with adjacent municipalities or
48 volunteer fire companies in adjacent municipalities for fire
49 protection.

50 (5) Training of fire personnel and payments to fire
51 training schools and centers.

1 (6) The purchase of land upon which to erect a fire
2 house.

3 (7) The erection and maintenance of a fire house or fire
4 training school and center.

5 (8) Paying salaries, benefits or other compensation of
6 fire suppression employees of the eligible township or a fire
7 company serving the eligible township.

8 (b) Notice.--Within 14 days of approving an ordinance
9 levying an annual tax as authorized under subsection (a), the
10 eligible township shall provide a copy of the ordinance to the
11 Office of the State Fire Commissioner and the Local Government
12 Commission.

13 (c) Definition.--As used in this section, the following
14 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
15 subsection:

16 "Eligible township." Any township of the first class that is
17 located in a county of the second class A that is contiguous to
18 a city of the first class.

19 "Municipality." As defined in section 102 of The First Class
20 Township Code.

21 Section 80012. Enhanced emergency services in eligible
22 townships of the first class.

23 (a) Authorization.--Notwithstanding section 1709(a)(7)(i)
24 and (ii) and (c) of the act of June 24, 1931 (P.L.1206, No.331,
25 known as The First Class Township Code,, an eligible township
26 may, by ordinance, levy an annual tax not exceeding five mills
27 and appropriate the revenue collected from the tax for the
28 following purposes:

29 (1) Supporting ambulance, rescue and other emergency
30 services serving the eligible township.

31 (2) Paying salaries, benefits or other compensation of
32 employees of an ambulance, rescue or other emergency service
33 serving the eligible township.

34 (b) Notice.--Within 14 days of approving an ordinance
35 levying an annual tax as authorized under subsection (a), the
36 eligible township shall provide a copy of the ordinance to the
37 Department of Health and the Local Government Commission.

38 (c) Definition.--As used in this section, the term "eligible
39 township" means any township of the first class that is located
40 in a county of the second class A that is contiguous to a city
41 of the first class.

42 Section 80013. Report by Local Government Commission.

43 The Local Government Commission shall conduct a study on the
44 impact of the annual taxes levied under sections 80011(a) and
45 80012(a) and the delivery and utilization of fire and emergency
46 services. The Local Government Commission shall conduct the
47 study no later than three years after the effective date of this
48 section. No later than six months after conducting the study,
49 the Local Government Commission shall submit a report on the
50 study to all of the following:

51 (1) The Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the

1 Senate.

2 (2) The Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the House
3 of Representatives.

4 (3) The chairperson and minority chairperson of the
5 Local Government Committee of the Senate.

6 (4) The chairperson and minority chairperson of the
7 Veterans' Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee of the
8 Senate.

9 (5) The chairperson and minority chairperson of the
10 Local Government Committee of the House of Representatives.

11 (6) The chairperson and minority chairperson of the
12 Veterans' Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee of the
13 House of Representatives.

14 SUBARTICLE B

15 TOWNSHIPS OF THE SECOND CLASS

16 Section 80021. Enhanced fire services in eligible townships of
17 the second class.

18 (a) Authorization.--Notwithstanding section 3205(a)(4)(i)
19 and (ii) of the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.103, No.69), known as
20 The Second Class Township Code, an eligible township may, by
21 ordinance, levy an annual tax not exceeding 10 mills and
22 appropriate the revenue collected from the tax for the following
23 purposes:

24 (1) Purchasing and maintaining fire apparatus and a
25 suitable place to house fire apparatus.

26 (2) Making appropriations to fire companies located
27 inside and outside the eligible township.

28 (3) Training of fire company personnel and for fire
29 training schools or centers.

30 (4) Contracting with adjacent municipal corporations or
31 volunteer fire companies in adjacent municipal corporations
32 for fire protection.

33 (5) Paying salaries, benefits or other compensation of
34 fire suppression employees of the eligible township or a fire
35 company serving the eligible township.

36 (b) Notice.--Within 14 days of approving an ordinance
37 levying an annual tax as authorized under subsection (a), the
38 eligible township shall provide a copy of the ordinance to the
39 Office of the State Fire Commissioner and the Local Government
40 Commission.

41 (c) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
42 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
43 subsection:

44 "Eligible township." Any township of the second class that
45 is located in a county of the second class A that is contiguous
46 to a city of the first class.

47 "Municipal corporation." As defined in section 102 of The
48 Second Class Township Code.

49 Section 80022. Enhanced emergency services in eligible
50 townships of the second class.

51 (a) Authorization.--Notwithstanding section 3205(a)(8)(i)

1 and (ii) of the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.103, No.69), known as
2 The Second Class Township Code, an eligible township may, by
3 ordinance, levy an annual tax not exceeding five mills and
4 appropriate the revenue collected from the tax for the following
5 purposes:

6 (1) Supporting ambulance, rescue and other emergency
7 services serving the eligible township.

8 (2) Paying salaries, benefits or other compensation of
9 employees of the ambulance, rescue or other emergency
10 service.

11 (b) Notice.--Within 14 days of approving an ordinance
12 levying an annual tax as authorized under subsection (a), the
13 eligible township shall provide a copy of the ordinance to the
14 Department of Health and the Local Government Commission.

15 (c) Definition.--As used in this section, the term "eligible
16 township" means any township of the second class that is located
17 in a county of the second class A that is contiguous to a city
18 of the first class.

19 Section 80023. Report by Local Government Commission.

20 The Local Government Commission shall conduct a study on the
21 impact of the annual taxes levied under sections 80021(a) and
22 80022(a) and the delivery and utilization of fire and emergency
23 services. The Local Government Commission shall conduct the
24 study no later than three years after the effective date of this
25 section. No later than six months after conducting the study,
26 the Local Government Commission shall submit a report on the
27 study to all of the following:

28 (1) The Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the
29 Senate.

30 (2) The Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the House
31 of Representatives.

32 (3) The chairperson and minority chairperson of the
33 Local Government Committee of the Senate.

34 (4) The chairperson and minority chairperson of the
35 Veterans' Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee of the
36 Senate.

37 (5) The chairperson and minority chairperson of the
38 Local Government Committee of the House of Representatives.

39 (6) The chairperson and minority chairperson of the
40 Veterans' Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee of the
41 House of Representatives.

42 SUBARTICLE C

43 BOROUGHGS

44 Section 80031. Enhanced fire services in eligible boroughs.

45 (a) Authorization.--Notwithstanding 8 Pa.C.S. § 1302(a)(6)
46 (i) and (ii) (relating to tax levy), any eligible borough may,
47 by ordinance, levy an annual tax not exceeding ten mills and
48 appropriate the revenue collected from the tax for the following
49 purposes:

50 (1) Purchasing fire engines, fire apparatus and fire
51 hose for the use of the eligible borough or for assisting a

1 fire company in the eligible borough in the purchase, renewal
2 or repair of the fire company's fire engines, fire apparatus
3 or fire hose.

4 (2) Making appropriations to fire companies both within
5 or outside the eligible borough and contracting with adjacent
6 municipalities or volunteer fire companies in adjacent
7 municipalities for fire protection.

8 (3) Training of fire personnel and payments to fire
9 training schools and centers.

10 (4) Purchasing land upon which to erect a firehouse or
11 for the erection and maintenance of a firehouse or fire
12 training school and center.

13 (5) Paying salaries, benefits or other compensation of
14 fire suppression employees of the eligible borough or a fire
15 company serving the eligible borough.

16 (b) Notice.--Within 14 days of approving an ordinance
17 levying an annual tax as authorized under subsection (a), the
18 eligible borough shall provide a copy of the ordinance to the
19 Office of the State Fire Commissioner and the Local Government
20 Commission.

21 (c) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
22 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
23 subsection:

24 "Eligible borough." Any borough that is located in a county
25 of the second class A that is contiguous to a city of the first
26 class.

27 "Municipality." As defined in 8 Pa.C.S. § 101.1 (relating to
28 definitions).
29 Section 80032. Enhanced emergency services in eligible
30 boroughs.

31 (a) Authorization.--Notwithstanding the provisions of 8
32 Pa.C.S. § 1302(a)(9) and (e) (relating to tax levy), an eligible
33 borough may, by ordinance, levy an annual tax not exceeding five
34 mills and appropriate the revenue collected from the tax for the
35 following purposes:

36 (1) Supporting ambulance, rescue and other emergency
37 services serving the eligible borough.

38 (2) Paying the salaries, benefits or other compensation
39 of employees of the ambulance, rescue or other emergency
40 service.

41 (b) Notice.--Within 14 days of approving an ordinance
42 levying an annual tax as authorized under subsection (a), the
43 eligible borough shall provide a copy of the ordinance to the
44 Department of Health and the Local Government Commission.

45 (c) Definition.--As used in this section, the term
46 "eligible borough" means a borough that is located in a county
47 of the second class A that is contiguous to a city of the first
48 class.

49 Section 80033. Report by Local Government Commission.

50 The Local Government Commission shall conduct a study on the
51 impact of the annual taxes levied under sections 80031(a) and

1 80032(a) and the delivery and utilization of fire and emergency
2 services. The Local Government Commission shall conduct the
3 study no later than three years after the effective date of this
4 section. No later than six months after conducting the study,
5 the Local Government Commission shall submit a report on the
6 study to all of the following:

7 (1) The Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the
8 Senate.

9 (2) The Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the House
10 of Representatives.

11 (3) The chairperson and minority chairperson of the
12 Local Government Committee of the Senate.

13 (4) The chairperson and minority chairperson of the
14 Veterans' Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee of the
15 Senate.

16 (5) The chairperson and minority chairperson of the
17 Local Government Committee of the House of Representatives.

18 (6) The chairperson and minority chairperson of the
19 Veterans' Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee of the
20 House of Representatives.

21 SUBARTICLE D
22 MUNICIPALITIES

23 Section 80041. Regulation of rodeos or rodeo-related events.

24 (a) Prior regulation.--Any ordinance, rule or regulation
25 adopted by a municipality before the effective date of this
26 subsection that regulates the use of any practice, technique or
27 device necessary for the purposes of holding a ticketed, public
28 rodeo or rodeo-related event shall permit a rodeo hosting entity
29 to conduct a rodeo or rodeo-related event on up to 12 days per
30 calendar year. The rodeo hosting entity shall have sole
31 discretion to select the 12 days per calendar year on which to
32 hold a rodeo or rodeo-related event during which the ordinance,
33 rule or regulation specified in this subsection shall not apply.

34 (b) Continuing regulation.--Any ordinance, rule or
35 regulation adopted by a municipality on or after the effective
36 date of this subsection that regulates the use of any practice,
37 technique or device necessary for the purposes of holding a
38 ticketed, public rodeo or rodeo-related event shall permit a
39 rodeo hosting entity to conduct a rodeo or rodeo-related event
40 on up to 12 days per calendar year. The rodeo hosting entity
41 shall have sole discretion to select the 12 days per calendar
42 year on which to hold a rodeo or rodeo-related event, during
43 which the ordinance, rule or regulation specified in this
44 subsection shall not apply.

45 (c) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
46 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
47 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

48 "Municipality." A county, city, borough, incorporated town,
49 township, home rule charter, original charter, optional plan
50 municipality or any similar purpose unit of government that may
51 be created by the General Assembly.

1 "Rodeo hosting entity." An entity that:

2 (1) is a nationally recognized professional entity that
3 produces or operates rodeo or rodeo-related events in at
4 least 10 states annually; and

5 (2) produces or operates a ticketed, public rodeo or
6 rodeo-related event in a venue with a capacity of no less
7 than 2,500 seats.

8 Section 21. Repeals are as follows:

9 (1) The General Assembly finds and declares as follows:

10 (i) Each year, articles on budget implementation are
11 added to the act.

12 (ii) These articles are temporary in nature but are
13 placed permanently into the act, utilizing article
14 numbers and section numbers.

15 (iii) Reusing article numbers and section numbers
16 will keep the text of the act more concise.

17 (iv) The repeal under paragraph (2) is necessary to
18 effectuate paragraph (1)(iii).

19 (2) Articles XVII-F, XVII-G, XVII-H and XVII-I of the
20 act are repealed.

21 (3) The General Assembly declares that the repeals under
22 paragraph (4) are necessary to effectuate the addition of
23 section 1608-M of the act.

24 (4) 53 Pa.C.S. §§ 5714 and 57B02(c)(6) are repealed
25 insofar as they are inconsistent with the addition of section
26 1608-M of the act.

27 (5) The General Assembly declares that the repeal under
28 paragraph (6) is necessary to effectuate the addition of
29 1602-O of the act.

30 (6) Section 811-C(b) of the act of June 13, 1967
31 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, is
32 repealed.

33 (7) The General Assembly declares that the repeals under
34 paragraph (8) are necessary to effectuate the addition of
35 section 1603-O(a) introductory paragraph and (4) of the act.

36 (8) The following are repealed:

37 (i) Section 804-E(b)(2) of the Human Services Code
38 insofar as it is inconsistent with the addition of
39 section 1603-O(a)(4) of the act.

40 (ii) Section 808-E(a) of the Human Services Code.

41 (9) The General Assembly declares that the repeal under
42 paragraph (10) is necessary to effectuate the addition of
43 section 1602-Y of the act.

44 (10) Section 6(1) of the act of July 22, 1974 (P.L.598,
45 No.206), known as the Pennsylvania Minority Business
46 Development Authority Act, is repealed.

47 (11) The General Assembly declares that the repeals
48 under paragraph (12) are necessary to effectuate the addition
49 of section 1735-E(b) of the act.

50 (12) The following are repealed:

51 (i) 35 Pa.C.S. §§ 7813(c)(2) and 7823(c)(2) insofar

1 as it is inconsistent with the addition of section 1735-
2 E(b) (1).

3 (ii) 35 Pa.C.S. § 7891.

4 (13) The General Assembly declares that the repeals
5 under paragraph (14) are necessary to effectuate the addition
6 of section 1781-E(c) and (d) of the act.

7 (14) 42 Pa.C.S. §§ 1725.1(f) (1) and 3571(c) (4) are
8 repealed insofar as they are inconsistent with the addition
9 of 1781-E(c) and (d) of the act.

10 (15) The General Assembly declares that the repeals
11 under paragraph (16) are necessary to effectuate the addition
12 of sections 80011(a) and 80012(a) of the act.

13 (16) Section 1709(a) (2) (i), (ii) and (iii) and (7) (i)
14 and (ii) and (c) of the act of June 24, 1931 (P.L.1206,
15 No.331), known as The First Class Township Code, are repealed
16 insofar as they are inconsistent with the addition of
17 sections 80011(a) and 80012(a) of the act.

18 (17) The General Assembly declares that the repeals
19 under paragraph (18) are necessary to effectuate the addition
20 of sections 80021(a) and 80022(a) of the act.

21 (18) Section 3205(a) (4) (i) and (ii) and (8) (i) and (ii)
22 of the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.103, No.69), known as The
23 Second Class Township Code, are repealed insofar as they are
24 inconsistent with the addition of sections 80021(a) and
25 80022(a) of the act.

26 (19) The General Assembly declares that the repeals
27 under paragraph (20) are necessary to effectuate the addition
28 of sections 80031(a) and 80022(a) of the act.

29 (20) 8 Pa.C.S. § 1302(a) (6) (i) and (ii) and (9) and (e)
30 are repealed insofar as they are inconsistent with the
31 addition of sections 80031(a) and 80032(a) of the act.

32 Section 22. The addition of sections 1602-O, 1603-O and
33 1735-E(b) of the act shall apply retroactively to June 30, 2024.
34 Section 23. This act shall take effect as follows:

35 (1) The addition of Article XVIII-A of the act shall
36 take effect in 60 days.

37 (2) The remainder of this act shall take effect
38 immediately.