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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

No. 437 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY TALLMAN, KAUFFMAN, MILNE, GROVE, HENNESSEY AND  
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES, FEBRUARY 10, 2017

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), entitled "An  
2 act to consolidate, editorially revise, and codify the public  
3 welfare laws of the Commonwealth," in human services block  
4 grant program, further providing for allocation.

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

7 Section 1. Section 1405-B(a) of the act of June 13, 1967  
8 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, amended  
9 November 4, 2016, (P.L.1172, No.153), is amended to read:

10 Section 1405-B. Allocation.

11 (a) Allocation.--The department shall allocate State block  
12 grant funds to counties as follows:

13 [(1) The department shall allocate State block grant  
14 funds according to each county's proportional share of the  
15 aggregate amount of the following State funds allocated for  
16 the previous fiscal year:

17 (i) Funds allocated to counties under the act of  
18 October 5, 1994 (P.L.531, No.78), known as the Human  
19 Services Development Fund Act.

1 (ii) Funds allocated to counties for mental health  
2 and intellectual disability services under the act of  
3 October 20, 1966 (3rd Sp.Sess., P.L.96, No.6), known as  
4 the Mental Health and Intellectual Disability Act of  
5 1966.

6 (iii) Funds allocated to counties for behavioral  
7 health services.

8 (iv) Funds allocated to counties for drug and  
9 alcohol services under section 2334 of the act of April  
10 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative  
11 Code of 1929.

12 (v) Funds allocated to counties for the provision of  
13 services to the homeless.]

14 (1.1) The department shall allocate State block grant  
15 funds according to the following formula:

16 (i) Seventy-five percent based on county population.

17 (ii) Five percent based on population growth from  
18 2000 through 2013 for those counties whose population  
19 growth was above the State average.

20 (iii) Five percent based on poverty for those  
21 counties whose level of poverty is above the State  
22 average.

23 (iv) Five percent based on unemployment rate for  
24 those counties whose unemployment rate is above the State  
25 average.

26 (v) Five percent based on the square miles in the  
27 county.

28 (vi) Five percent shall be allocated to a separate  
29 dedicated account to be used specifically for counties  
30 experiencing a distinct emergency that causes a budget

1           shortfall.

2           (2) The department shall allocate Federal block grant  
3 funds to counties according to each county's previous fiscal  
4 year proportional share of each Federal appropriation  
5 associated with the funds identified in paragraph (1).

6           (3) Funds identified in paragraphs (1) and (2) that were  
7 allocated to county local collaborative arrangements shall be  
8 allocated to individual counties based on the individual  
9 county population.

10          (4) The department may revise the allocation of Federal  
11 funds identified in paragraph (2) as necessary to comply with  
12 applicable Federal requirements.

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