

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 881 Session of 2019

INTRODUCED BY FEE, RYAN, BERNSTINE, LONGIETTI, MILLARD, GREINER, MURT, CAUSER, ZIMMERMAN, HICKERNELL, STEPHENS, B. MILLER, MENTZER, WHEELAND, IRVIN, GILLEN, TOOHL AND GLEIM, MARCH 19, 2019

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, APRIL 15, 2019

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 18, 1982 (P.L.549, No.159), entitled
2 "An act providing for the administration of certain
3 Commonwealth farmland within the Department of Agriculture,"
4 further providing for agricultural land conservation
5 assistance grant program.

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

8 Section 1. Section 7.3 of the act of June 18, 1982 (P.L.549,
9 No.159), entitled "An act providing for the administration of
10 certain Commonwealth farmland within the Department of
11 Agriculture," is amended by adding a subsection to read:

12 Section 7.3. Agricultural land conservation assistance grant
13 program.

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15 (d.1) The department, in consultation with the State board,
16 is hereby authorized to use any of the remaining MAY USE funds <--
17 under subsection (a) to issue grants not to exceed \$3,000 \$5,000 <--
18 each for succession planning to ensure that agricultural

1 operations continue on land subject to agricultural conservation
2 easements. ~~The department may not issue a grant under this~~ <--
3 ~~subsection until all other grants are awarded to counties for~~
4 ~~the purposes enumerated in this section.~~ The department, in
5 consultation with the State board, shall establish the
6 eligibility criteria for awarding grants under this subsection.

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