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AN ACT

1 Creating the Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Council providing
2 for structure, membership, powers and duties; establishing a
3 form of compensation and defining terms.

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

6 Section 1. Short title.

7 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Pennsylvania
8 Intergovernmental Council Act.

9 Section 2. Definitions.

10 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
11 have, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the
12 meanings given to them in this section:

13 "Council." The Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Council.

14 "Federal Regional Council." The Regional Directors for
15 Federal Region III of the major grant making Federal agencies
16 whose chairman is appointed by the President.

17 "Statewide associations of general purpose government." The
18 Pennsylvania League of Cities, the Pennsylvania State

1 Association of Boroughs, the Pennsylvania State Association of
2 County Commissioners, the Pennsylvania State Association of
3 Township Supervisors and the Pennsylvania State Association of
4 Township Commissioners.

5 Section 3. Structure and membership.

6 There is hereby created a Pennsylvania Intergovernmental
7 Council which shall consist of 13 members including the
8 Governor, Majority Leader of the Senate, the Minority Leader of
9 the Senate, the Majority Leader of the House, the Minority
10 Leader of the House, the Secretary of the Department of
11 Community Affairs, the presidents of each of the five Statewide
12 associations of general purpose governments, the chairman of the
13 Mid-Atlantic Federal Regional Council and one appointee of the
14 chairman who is a member of such Federal Regional Council. The
15 Governor may designate the Lieutenant Governor or another
16 cabinet-level appointee to serve in his stead as a permanent
17 member of the council. The Majority and Minority Leaders of the
18 General Assembly and the presidents of the Statewide
19 associations of general governments may each appoint another
20 elected official to serve in their stead.

21 Section 4. Terms of office.

22 The aforementioned 13 members shall continue to serve as
23 members of the council at the pleasure of the governmental body
24 or other designating entity and shall continue to serve as
25 members of the council until they cease to occupy the elected or
26 appointed office which entitles them to membership, at which
27 time the successor to the office shall become a member of the
28 council. A legislative member of the council shall continue to
29 serve as a member of the council during the interim between
30 sessions.

1 Section 5. Compensation.

2 Members of the council (not to include the Federal members)
3 shall be entitled to actual vouchered expenses for each day such
4 member is in attendance at meetings or hearings or authorized
5 business of the council including time spent traveling to and
6 from the place of the meeting, hearing, or other authorized
7 business.

8 Section 6. Powers, rules and staffing.

9 The council shall have the power and duty to elect its own
10 chairman, vice chairman, and other officers, to make rules and
11 regulations governing its proceedings and to appoint such staff
12 as it deems necessary to properly perform its power and duties.
13 Such staff appointments to be made strictly within budgetary
14 constraints.

15 Section 7. Duties.

16 The council shall perform the following duties:

17 (1) Provide forum for bringing together the principal
18 elected and administrative officials of local and State
19 governments as well as regional Federal administrative
20 leaders involved in Pennsylvania affairs for communication,
21 consultation and coordination.

22 (2) Encourage, and where appropriate, coordinate studies
23 related to intergovernmental relations conducted by the
24 State, Federal, and local agencies, and other research-
25 oriented organizations.

26 Section 8. Reporting.

27 The council shall bi-annually issue a report of the progress
28 of its work accompanied by a financial statement to the
29 Governor, and the Speaker of the House, the President of the
30 Senate, the members of the council, and the chief executive

1 officer of any organization providing funding for the council.

2 Section 9. Grants.

3 The council shall be empowered to receive grants or moneys
4 from any State, Federal or local government agency or other
5 source.

6 Section 10. Effective date.

7 This act shall take effect in 45 days and remain in effect
8 until June 30, 1979, unless the General Assembly shall extend
9 its effectiveness after thorough review of its performance.