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AN ACT

1 Providing for oversight and review of capital projects;
2 establishing the Capital Projects Oversight Board and
3 providing for its powers and duties.

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 Capital
8 Projects Oversight Act.

9 Section 2. Definitions.

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

13 "Board." The Capital Projects Oversight Board established in
14 section 3.

15 Section 3. Establishment.

16 The Capital Projects Oversight Board is established in order
17 to provide review and oversight of capital projects. The board
18 shall also assist in providing information relating to ways each

1 specific project benefits the community at large.

2 Section 4. Membership.

3 The board shall consist of nine members. The board shall
4 reflect the racial and ethnic diversity of this Commonwealth.
5 The Governor shall designate one of the appointed members as
6 chairperson of the board. The following shall serve on the
7 board:

8 (1) One member appointed by the President pro tempore of
9 the Senate.

10 (2) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the
11 Senate.

12 (3) One member appointed by the Speaker of the House of
13 Representatives.

14 (4) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the
15 House of Representatives.

16 (5) Five members from across this Commonwealth appointed
17 by the Governor.

18 Section 5. Term of office.

19 The terms of office for appointed board members shall be two
20 years and until their successors have been appointed, but no
21 member shall serve more than six months beyond the expiration of
22 the member's term unless reappointed. In no event shall a member
23 serve more than two terms. Terms of office of members shall
24 expire on the third Tuesday of January of each odd-numbered
25 year. In the case of a vacancy in a position filled by
26 appointment of the Governor, the Governor shall make an
27 appointment for the unexpired portion of the term. In the case
28 of a vacancy in a position filled by appointment of a
29 legislative leader, that legislative leader shall make an
30 appointment for the unexpired portion of the term.

1 Section 6. Quorum and meetings.

2 The board shall meet least twice per year, as well as at the
3 call of the Governor. A majority of the members of the board
4 shall constitute a quorum.

5 Section 7. Compensation and expenses.

6 (a) Compensation.--The members of the board shall serve
7 without compensation. However, members other than the Governor
8 shall be entitled to receive traveling and other reasonable
9 expenses incurred in the discharge of their official duties.

10 (b) Expenses.--The expenses of the board provided for in
11 this section shall be borne by the Executive Office of the
12 Governor.

13 Section 8. Annual report.

14 The board shall, no later than July 1 of each year, prepare a
15 comprehensive annual report detailing its review of each capital
16 project.

17 Section 9. Applicability.

18 This act shall only apply to capital projects involving
19 expenditures over \$5,000,000.

20 Section 10. Effective date.

21 This act shall take effect in 120 days.