

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1184 Session of 2019

INTRODUCED BY SAYLOR, APRIL 10, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, APRIL 10, 2019

AN ACT

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

1 for block grants and further providing for Pennsylvania  
2 Higher Education Assistance Agency.

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

5 Section 1. The act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known  
6 as The Fiscal Code, is amended by adding a section to read:

7 Section 1705-E. Block grants.

8 (a) Small Communities Development Block Grant.--The Small  
9 Communities Development Block Grant (SCDBG) is to assist small  
10 cities and communities that have a high concentration of  
11 impoverished citizens and substandard housing to expand their  
12 low-income and moderate-income housing opportunities and to meet  
13 community development needs.

14 (b) Community Services Block Grant.--The Community Services  
15 Block Grant (CSBG) is to provide a range of services and  
16 activities having a measurable and potentially major impact on  
17 the causes of poverty in the community or those areas of the  
18 community where poverty is a particularly acute problem. In  
19 addition, new focus may be placed on the unemployed, both old  
20 and new. Local agencies may lower their eligibility requirements  
21 for recipients to three months to allow greater flexibility to  
22 assure proper consideration of each recipient.

23 (c) Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant.--The  
24 Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant (PHHSBG) is  
25 for the provision of preventive health and other health services  
26 related to emergency medical systems, health initiative grants,  
27 comprehensive public health, hypertension, fluoridation, health  
28 education, risk reduction, home health, rape crisis and domestic  
29 violence services.

30 (d) Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant.--The  
31 Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant (MCHSBG) is to

1 enable states to maintain and strengthen their leadership in  
2 planning, promoting, coordinating and evaluating health care for  
3 pregnant women, mothers, infants and children, and children with  
4 special health care needs and in providing health services for  
5 mothers and children who do not have access to adequate health  
6 care.

7 (e) Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Block Grant.--The Low-  
8 Income Home Energy Assistance Block Grant (LIHEABG) is to help  
9 lessen the impact of the high cost of energy on low-income  
10 families and individuals, including energy efficiency grants for  
11 low-income dwellings. No less than 15% of the LIHEABG funds  
12 received shall be used for weatherization. LIHEABG funds  
13 received pursuant to a Presidential release of contingency funds  
14 shall be exempt from the 15% requirement.

15 (f) Social Services Block Grant.--The Social Services Block  
16 Grant (SSBG) is for the provision of social services to eligible  
17 persons.

18 (g) Mental Health Services Block Grant.--The Mental Health  
19 Services Block Grant (MH SBG) provides funds for the provision of  
20 services to adults with serious mental illness or children with  
21 serious emotional disturbance.

22 (h) Substance Abuse Block Grant.--The Substance Abuse Block  
23 Grant (SABG) provides funds to establish and maintain programs  
24 to combat drug and alcohol abuse.

25 (i) Child Care and Development Fund Block Grant.--The Child  
26 Care and Development Fund Block Grant (CCDFBG) is for the  
27 provision of direct child care for low-income families.

28 (j) Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant.--  
29 The Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (TANFBG)  
30 provides funds for the provision of cash grants, child care,

1 training and support services, child welfare and administration  
2 for eligible families and individuals.

3 Section 2. Section 1738-E(a) of the act is amended by adding  
4 a paragraph to read:

5 Section 1738-E. Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance  
6 Agency.

7 (a) Appropriations.--The following shall apply to  
8 appropriations for the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance  
9 Agency from the General Appropriation Act:

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11 (3) The appropriations to the Pennsylvania Higher  
12 Education Assistance Agency, which is an integral part and  
13 arm of the Commonwealth and which is directly controlled by  
14 the Commonwealth, shall supplement other Commonwealth funds  
15 maintained by the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance  
16 Agency in order to fulfill its essential State governmental  
17 function of providing Commonwealth students with access to  
18 higher education opportunities and providing essential higher  
19 education programs for the benefit of Commonwealth students.

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21 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.