

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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DeLUCA AND CONKLIN, JANUARY 21, 2016

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, JANUARY 21, 2016

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), entitled "An  
2 act relating to tax reform and State taxation by codifying  
3 and enumerating certain subjects of taxation and imposing  
4 taxes thereon; providing procedures for the payment,  
5 collection, administration and enforcement thereof; providing  
6 for tax credits in certain cases; conferring powers and  
7 imposing duties upon the Department of Revenue, certain  
8 employers, fiduciaries, individuals, persons, corporations  
9 and other entities; prescribing crimes, offenses and  
10 penalties," in personal income tax, providing for  
11 contributions for pediatric cancer research.

12 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
13 hereby enacts as follows:

14 Section 1. The act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as  
15 the Tax Reform Code of 1971, is amended by adding a section to  
16 read:

17 Section 315.12. Contributions for Pediatric Cancer  
18 Research.--(a) The department shall provide a space on the  
19 Pennsylvania individual income tax return form whereby an  
20 individual may voluntarily designate a contribution of five  
21 dollars (\$5) to be utilized for pediatric cancer research. On or

1 before December 1 of each year, the Secretary of Health shall  
2 designate hospitals within this Commonwealth conducting  
3 pediatric cancer research that are eligible to receive funding  
4 under this section for the following calendar year.

5 (b) The amount designated on the individual income tax  
6 return form shall be deducted from the tax refund to which the  
7 individual is entitled and shall not constitute a charge against  
8 the income tax revenues due to the Commonwealth.

9 (c) The department shall determine annually the total amount  
10 designated under this section, less reasonable administrative  
11 costs, and shall report the amount to the State Treasurer, who  
12 shall transfer the amount from the General Fund to the  
13 Pennsylvania Cancer Control, Prevention and Research Advisory  
14 Board within the Department of Health.

15 (d) The department shall provide adequate information  
16 concerning the checkoff for pediatric cancer research in its  
17 instructions that accompany State income tax return forms. The  
18 information concerning the checkoff shall include the listing of  
19 an address furnished by the Department of Health to which  
20 contributions may be sent by taxpayers wishing to contribute to  
21 this effort but who do not receive refunds. Additionally, the  
22 Department of Health shall be charged with the duty to conduct a  
23 public information campaign on the availability of this  
24 opportunity to Pennsylvania taxpayers.

25 (e) The Department of Health shall report annually to the  
26 respective committees of the Senate and the House of  
27 Representatives that have jurisdiction over health matters on  
28 the amount received via the checkoff plan and how the funds were  
29 utilized.

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