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DECEMBER 1, 2017

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, DECEMBER 1, 2017

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled,
2 as amended, "An act providing for and reorganizing the
3 conduct of the executive and administrative work of the
4 Commonwealth by the Executive Department thereof and the
5 administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers
6 thereof, including the boards of trustees of State Normal
7 Schools, or Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating,
8 reorganizing or authorizing the reorganization of certain
9 administrative departments, boards, and commissions; defining
10 the powers and duties of the Governor and other executive and
11 administrative officers, and of the several administrative
12 departments, boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the
13 salaries of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain
14 other executive and administrative officers; providing for
15 the appointment of certain administrative officers, and of
16 all deputies and other assistants and employes in certain
17 departments, boards, and commissions; providing for judicial
18 administration; and prescribing the manner in which the
19 number and compensation of the deputies and all other
20 assistants and employes of certain departments, boards and
21 commissions shall be determined," in Commonwealth budget
22 procedures, further providing for revenue estimates.

23 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
24 hereby enacts as follows:

25 Section 1. Section 618(a) of the act of April 9, 1929
26 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, is

1 amended to read:

2 Section 618. Revenue Estimates.--(a) (1) The Department of
3 Revenue in conjunction with the Secretary of the Budget shall
4 make revenue estimates for the use of the Governor in preparing
5 the budget with periodic revisions until the final estimate is
6 signed by the Governor not later than the time [he signs] the
7 general appropriation bill becomes law. The revenue estimates
8 used [to sign] in conjunction with any appropriation bill shall
9 show separately State revenues, Federal funds, and, if
10 specifically appropriated, funds from other sources.

11 (2) [The] If the Governor signs an appropriation bill, the
12 Governor shall item veto any part [of any appropriation bill]
13 that causes total appropriations to exceed the official estimate
14 plus any unappropriated surplus.

15 (3) If the general appropriation bill becomes law without
16 the approval of the Governor and the amount appropriated in the
17 general appropriation bill and other appropriation bills exceeds
18 the official estimate plus any unappropriated surplus, the
19 following shall apply:

20 (i) The Secretary of the Budget shall, no later than the
21 time that the general appropriation bill becomes law, disapprove
22 or reduce amounts under section 615 from the departments, boards
23 and commissions to which section 615 applies which cause the
24 total appropriations to exceed the official estimate plus any
25 unappropriated surplus.

26 (ii) Except as provided under subparagraph (iii), at no time
27 during a fiscal year when this paragraph applies may the total
28 amount disapproved or reduced under this paragraph be less than
29 the total amount disapproved or reduced under this paragraph at
30 the time the general appropriation bill becomes law.

1 (iii) During a fiscal year in which this subparagraph
2 applies, if a change in a statute affecting revenues and
3 receipts is enacted that results in a change in a revenue
4 estimate, the amounts disapproved or reduced under this
5 paragraph may be revised to account for the additional revenue.

6 (4) No changes in the revenue estimates shall be made
7 thereafter unless changes in statutes affecting revenues and
8 receipts are enacted.

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10 Section 2. This act shall apply to general appropriation
11 acts enacted after the effective date of this act.

12 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.