

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILLNo. 1676 Session of
1985

Report of the Committee of Conference

To the Members of the House of Representatives and Senate:

We, the undersigned, Committee of Conference on the part of the House of Representatives and Senate for the purpose of considering House Bill No. 1676, entitled:

"An act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), entitled, 'An act relating to the finances of the State government; * * *,' further providing for requisitions out of any fund in the State Treasury,"

respectfully submit the following bill as our report:

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AN ACT

Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), entitled, as amended, "An act relating to the finances of the State government; providing for the settlement, assessment, collection, and lien of taxes, bonus, and all other accounts due the Commonwealth, the collection and recovery of fees and other money or property due or belonging to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof, including escheated property and the proceeds of its sale, the custody and disbursement or other disposition of funds and securities belonging to or in the possession of the Commonwealth, and the settlement of claims against the Commonwealth, the resettlement of accounts and appeals to the courts, refunds of moneys erroneously paid to the Commonwealth, auditing the accounts of the Commonwealth and all agencies thereof, of all public officers collecting moneys payable to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof, and all receipts of appropriations from the Commonwealth, authorizing the Commonwealth to issue tax anticipation notes to defray current expenses, implementing the provisions of section 7(a) of Article VIII of the Constitution of Pennsylvania authorizing and restricting the incurring of certain debt and imposing penalties; affecting every department, board, commission, and officer of the State government, every political subdivision of the State, and certain officers of such subdivisions, every person, association, and corporation required to pay, assess, or collect taxes, or to make returns or reports under the laws imposing taxes for State purposes, or to pay license fees or other moneys to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof, every State depository and every debtor or creditor of the Commonwealth," creating the Redevelopment Assistance Sinking Fund and providing for its funding and use.

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

Section 1. Section 1602-B of the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, is amended by adding a definition to read:

Section 1602-B. Definitions.--As used in this article--

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"Redevelopment Assistance Capital Project" shall mean the design and construction of facilities which (i) are facilities other than housing units, highways, bridges, waste disposal facilities, sewage systems or facilities, or water systems or facilities, and are projects which cannot obtain funding under

1 other State or Federal programs; (ii) are economic development
2 projects which generate substantial increases in employment, tax
3 revenues or other measures of economic activity; (iii) are
4 facilities which have a regional or multijurisdictional impact;
5 (iv) are eligible for tax-exempt bond funding under existing
6 Federal law or under Federal H.R.3838 of 1985, which shall be
7 known as the Tax Reform Act of 1985 if it is enacted; (iv) have
8 a fifty per centum non-State participation, of which the only
9 noncash non-State participation permitted is land donation and
10 toward which State funds from other programs may not be used;
11 and (vi) have a total project cost of five million dollars
12 (\$5,000,000) or more.

13 * * *

14 Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

15 Section 1616.1-B.--Redevelopment Assistance Sinking Fund.--

16 (a) There is hereby established within the Capital Facilities
17 Fund a sinking fund to be known as the Redevelopment Assistance
18 Sinking Fund, for the purpose of making principal and interest
19 payments on bonds issued for redevelopment assistance projects
20 authorized in this article.

21 (b) Each year an amount shall be deposited into the
22 Redevelopment Assistance Sinking Fund sufficient to meet the
23 debt service requirements during that fiscal year on
24 redevelopment assistance bonds, but such amount shall not exceed
25 the first thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000) of realty
26 transfer tax revenue credited to a fiscal year. Deposits shall
27 be made into the sinking fund each year pursuant to this section
28 until all redevelopment assistance bonds issued are retired. Any
29 surplus funds in the sinking fund at the time all such bonds are
30 retired shall be transferred into the General Fund at the close

1 of the fiscal year in which the last bond is retired.

2 (c) The amount of additional bonds which may be issued in
3 any year for redevelopment assistance projects for which payment
4 is to be made from the Redevelopment Assistance Sinking Fund
5 shall not cause the amount of redevelopment assistance bonds
6 outstanding to increase to the level that required principal and
7 interest payments to be made from the sinking fund would exceed
8 the amount available in the sinking fund for such payments in
9 the fiscal year.

10 Section 3. (a) Section 1 of this act shall take effect in
11 60 days.

12 (b) The remainder of this act shall take effect immediately.