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JUNE 22, 1994

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, JUNE 22, 1994

AN ACT

1 Regulating legislative initiative grants; providing for
2 administration of legislative initiative grants by the
3 Department of Community Affairs; and requiring audits and
4 disclosure.

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

7 Section 1. Legislative initiative grants.

8 (a) Administration of program.--The legislative initiative
9 grants program whereby grants for community projects are awarded
10 at the discretion of the Leadership of the General Assembly
11 shall be administered solely by the Department of Community
12 Affairs. All funds appropriated for legislative initiative
13 grants shall be clearly identified as a line item within the
14 Department of Community Affairs' annual budget and referred to
15 as the Legislative Initiative Grant Fund. No funds other than
16 those identified in the Department of Community Affairs' budget
17 shall be used for legislative grants.

1 (b) Audit.--The Auditor General shall establish and the
2 department shall conduct the following standard project review
3 and auditing procedures for legislative initiative grants:

4 (1) grant recipients shall be required to submit
5 receipts and invoices for all expenditures;

6 (2) transfers of funds to uses outside the officially
7 approved purpose shall be prohibited; and

8 (3) the results of all legislative initiative grant
9 program evaluations and audits shall be made public.

10 (c) Disclosure.--The department shall publicly disclose a
11 list of all legislative initiative grants issued each year. The
12 list shall identify the following:

13 (1) the grant recipient's name;

14 (2) the grant recipient's address;

15 (3) the total value of the grant;

16 (4) the date on which the grant was authorized for
17 payment; and

18 (5) the sponsoring legislator's name.

19 (d) Issuance of checks.--Grant checks shall be issued from
20 the Department of Community Affairs directly to a grantee.

21 (e) Public information.--The department shall prepare an
22 informational pamphlet about legislative initiatives and make it
23 available at all legislators' offices.

24 Section 2. Effective date.

25 This act shall take effect immediately.