

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2850 Session of  
1998

INTRODUCED BY HERMAN, BARD, LESCOVITZ, ROSS AND COY,  
OCTOBER 6, 1998

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, OCTOBER 6, 1998

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), entitled,  
2 as amended, "An act relating to counties of the third,  
3 fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth classes; amending,  
4 revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating  
5 thereto; and providing for regional renaissance initiatives,"  
6 further providing for reports to the Department of Community  
7 and Economic Development; and making editorial changes.

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

10 Section 1. Section 1720 of the act of August 9, 1955  
11 (P.L.323, No.130), known as The County Code, amended May 6, 1981  
12 (P.L.49, No.16), is amended to read:

13 Section 1720. Controller's Settlement of Accounts; Report to  
14 Common Pleas; Publications; Financial Report to Department of  
15 Community [Affairs] and Economic Development.--The controller  
16 shall, at the end of each fiscal year, complete the audit,  
17 settlement and adjustment of the accounts of all county  
18 officers. He shall, before the first day of [April] July in  
19 every year, make a report, verified by oath or affirmation, to  
20 the Court of Common Pleas of said county, of all receipts and

1 expenditures of the county for the preceding year, in detail,  
2 and classified by reference to the object thereof, together with  
3 a full statement of the financial conditions of the county. A  
4 concise summary of this report shall thereupon be published one  
5 time in such newspapers published in said county as the  
6 controller may direct, but the aggregate cost thereof shall not  
7 exceed fifteen hundred dollars (\$1500) in any one year in any  
8 county, to be paid for out of the county treasury. Such report  
9 may also be published in printed pamphlets at the cost of the  
10 county, the number and cost of such pamphlets to be determined  
11 by the controller and the county commissioners. The controller  
12 shall also, before the first day of [April] July, make an annual  
13 report to the Department of Community [Affairs] and Economic  
14 Development of the financial condition of the county, on forms  
15 furnished by the Secretary of Community [Affairs] and Economic  
16 Development, and subject to the penalties provided in section  
17 one thousand seven hundred twenty-one of this act for auditors  
18 refusing or neglecting to make similar reports. Within the  
19 summary of the auditor's or controller's report, there shall be  
20 a notice to the public that the entire text of the report shall  
21 be available for public inspection during regular business hours  
22 in the office of the auditor or controller.

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