

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

**HOUSE BILL**  
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, APRIL 7, 1999

AN ACT

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

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

24 Section 1. Section 1209 of the act of April 9, 1929  
25 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929,  
26 amended February 1, 1966 (1965 P.L.1849, No.582), is amended to  
27 read:

1       Section 1209.   Local Government [Budget and] Financial  
2   Reports; Compilation of Statistics.--The Department of Community  
3   [Affairs] and Economic Development shall have power and its duty  
4   shall be:

5       [(a)   To prepare, in cooperation with duly authorized  
6   committees of local government officials, and furnish annually  
7   at the expense of the Commonwealth, to the corporate authorities  
8   of each county (except counties of the first class), city of the  
9   third class, borough, incorporated town, township, school  
10   district of the second, third, and fourth class blank forms  
11   suitable for the making of budgets by the proper authorities of  
12   said local government and for the filing of a copy of the budget  
13   after adoption with said department.]

14       (b)   To furnish to the corporate authorities of each county  
15   (except counties of the first class), city of the third class,  
16   borough, incorporated town, township suitable blank forms for  
17   the making of annual reports of the financial condition of their  
18   respective local governments to the department, which forms for  
19   financial report purposes shall be placed by said corporate  
20   authorities into the hands of the director, controller or  
21   auditors who by law are required to make such financial reports  
22   to the department. Such annual financial reports shall be  
23   prepared in cooperation with aforesaid duly authorized  
24   committees of local government officials and shall contain: (1)  
25   a statement of the receipts of the unit of local government from  
26   all sources [and of all accounts and revenue which may be due  
27   and uncollected at the close of the fiscal year]; (2) a  
28   statement of the disbursements for all the governmental  
29   activities of the unit of local government during the fiscal  
30   year; (3) a detailed statement of the indebtedness of the unit

1 of local government at the close of the fiscal year[, the  
2 provisions made for the payment thereof, together with the  
3 purposes for which it was incurred; (4) a statement of the cost  
4 of ownership and operation of each and every public service  
5 industry owned, maintained or operated by the unit of local  
6 government]; (5) such further or more specific information in  
7 relation to the cost of any branch of the local government and  
8 improvements therein as may be required by the department.

9 [In the case of blank forms for financial reports by  
10 townships of the second class and counties, the same shall be so  
11 arranged that corresponding data and information, required to be  
12 reported by said units of local government to the Department of  
13 Highways or the Department of Public Welfare, may be used for  
14 the information required to be furnished to the Department of  
15 Community Affairs under this section.]

16 (c) The substance of the annual [budget and] financial  
17 reports, required by law to be made to the Department of  
18 Community [Affairs] and Economic Development by the corporate  
19 officers, directors, controllers, and auditors of units of local  
20 government, shall be arranged by said department in such form as  
21 shall indicate the comparative receipts from the various sources  
22 of revenue and the comparative costs of the several branches of  
23 local government in the governments making such reports, shall  
24 be published at the cost of the Commonwealth in an annual  
25 statement of comparative statistics which shall be issued [for  
26 each class of local government] as a public document in printed  
27 or electronic form, and shall be submitted by the department to  
28 the General Assembly at each regular session. Copies thereof  
29 shall also be [furnished] made available by the department to  
30 each such local government unit named therein.

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