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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND  
ENERGY, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED,  
JANUARY 29, 2008

AN ACT

1 Providing for environmental funds reporting and disclosure and <—  
2 ~~for funding for the Hazardous Sites Cleanup Fund.~~

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

5 Section 1. Short title.

6 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Environmental  
7 Funds Reporting and Disclosure Act.

8 Section 2. Department responsibilities.

9 The Department of Environmental Protection shall do all of  
10 the following:

11 (1) No later than ~~July 30, 2007~~ SEPTEMBER 30, 2008, and <—  
12 each year thereafter, compile and update a comprehensive  
13 report of all special funds and restricted revenue accounts  
14 administered by the Department of Environmental Protection,  
15 containing at a minimum:

16 (i) the total receipts and expenditures of each

1 fund, including all fees, fines, penalties and natural  
2 resource damage awards or settlements;

3 (ii) an itemized list of each receipt and  
4 disbursement of the fund in excess of \$10,000; and

5 (iii) the number and nature of violations of  
6 environmental statutes.

7 (2) A copy of the report required under paragraph (1)  
8 shall be submitted to the chairmen and minority chairmen of  
9 the Appropriations Committee and the Environmental Resources  
10 and Energy Committee of the Senate and the chairmen and  
11 minority chairmen of the Appropriations Committee and the  
12 Environmental Resources and Energy Committee of the House of  
13 Representatives.

14 (3) A copy of the report required under paragraph (1)  
15 shall be posted and maintained on the Department of  
16 Environmental Protection's publicly accessible Internet  
17 website.

18 ~~Section 3. Transfers to Hazardous Sites Cleanup Fund.~~ <—

19 ~~(a) General rule. If the amount of all fines and penalties~~  
20 ~~received by a special fund or restricted revenue account~~  
21 ~~administered by the Department of Environmental Protection in a~~  
22 ~~fiscal year increases more than 5% from the amount received in~~  
23 ~~the previous fiscal year, the Secretary of the Budget shall~~  
24 ~~transfer the amount of the increase in revenue which is in~~  
25 ~~excess of 5% from the special fund or restricted revenue account~~  
26 ~~to the Hazardous Sites Cleanup Fund established in section 602.3~~  
27 ~~of the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L. 6, No. 2), known as the Tax~~  
28 ~~Reform Code of 1971.~~

29 ~~(b) Realty transfer tax. At the end of each month, the~~  
30 ~~State Treasurer shall transfer \$3,330,000 of the tax credited to~~

1 ~~the General Fund under section 1106 C(e) of the Tax Reform Code~~  
2 ~~of 1971 to the Hazardous Sites Cleanup Fund. The funds~~  
3 ~~transferred under this section shall first be deducted from the~~  
4 ~~amount authorized to be transferred to the Keystone Recreation,~~  
5 ~~Park and Conservation Fund under section 1106 C(d) of the Tax~~  
6 ~~Reform Code of 1971.~~

7 Section 4 3. Applicability. <—

8 This act shall apply to any special fund or restricted  
9 revenue account administered by the Department of Environmental  
10 Protection, including, but not limited to, the Clean Air Fund,  
11 the Clean Water Fund, the Solid Waste Abatement Fund, the Safe  
12 Drinking Water Fund and the Waste Transportation Safety Account.

13 Section 5 4. Effective date. <—

14 This act shall take effect immediately.