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AN ACT

1 Providing for oversight and review of certain capital projects;
2 establishing the Capital Projects Oversight Board and
3 providing for its powers and duties.

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

6 Section 1. Short title.

7 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Capital
8 Projects Oversight Act.

9 Section 2. Definitions.

10 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
11 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
12 context clearly indicates otherwise:

13 "Board." The Capital Projects Oversight Board established in
14 section 3.

15 "Capital project." A capital project involving an
16 expenditure of Commonwealth funds in excess of \$5,000,000.

17 Section 3. Capital Projects Oversight Board.

18 The Capital Projects Oversight Board is established in order

1 to provide review and oversight of capital projects. The board
2 shall also assist in providing information relating to ways each
3 specific project benefits the community at large.

4 Section 4. Membership.

5 The board shall consist of members who reflect the racial and
6 ethnic diversity of this Commonwealth. The Governor shall
7 designate one of the appointed members as chairperson of the
8 board. The following shall serve as members on the board:

9 (1) Five members from across this Commonwealth appointed
10 by the Governor.

11 (2) One member appointed by the President pro tempore of
12 the Senate.

13 (3) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the
14 Senate.

15 (4) One member appointed by the Speaker of the House of
16 Representatives.

17 (5) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the
18 House of Representatives.

19 Section 5. Term of office.

20 The terms of office for appointed board members shall be two
21 years and until their successors have been appointed, but no
22 member shall serve more than six months beyond the expiration of
23 the member's term unless reappointed. In no event shall a member
24 serve more than two terms. Terms of office of members shall
25 expire on the third Tuesday of January of each odd-numbered
26 year. In the case of a vacancy in a position filled by
27 appointment of the Governor, the Governor shall make an
28 appointment for the unexpired portion of the term. In the case
29 of a vacancy in a position filled by appointment of a
30 legislative leader, that legislative leader shall make an

1 appointment for the unexpired portion of the term.

2 Section 6. Quorum and meetings.

3 The board shall meet at least twice per year, as well as at
4 the call of the Governor. A majority of the members of the board
5 shall constitute a quorum.

6 Section 7. Compensation and expenses.

7 (a) Compensation.--The members of the board shall serve
8 without compensation. However, members other than the Governor
9 shall be entitled to receive traveling and other reasonable
10 expenses incurred in the discharge of their official duties.

11 (b) Expenses.--The expenses of the board provided for in
12 this section shall be borne by the Executive Office of the
13 Governor.

14 Section 8. Publication of projects on Internet.

15 The board, within 120 days of the final appointment to the
16 initial board, shall electronically publish on the Internet a
17 list of the capital projects for which the board has oversight
18 as well as the times and dates of all board meetings.

19 Section 9. Annual report.

20 The board shall, no later than July 1 of each year, prepare a
21 comprehensive annual report detailing its review of each capital
22 project.

23 Section 10. Effective date.

24 This act shall take effect in 120 days.