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SENATOR CORMAN, APPROPRIATIONS, IN SENATE, RE-REPORTED AS
AMENDED, OCTOBER 14, 2014

AN ACT

1 Authorizing the Treasury Department to process Supplemental
2 Security Income State Supplement Payments for other states;
3 providing for duties of the Treasury Department; and
4 establishing the SSP Processing Account.

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

7 Section 1. Short title.

8 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Supplemental
9 Security Income State Supplement Payments for Out-of-State
10 Payors Act.

11 Section 2. Definitions.

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

15 "Account." The SSP Processing Account established in section
16 4.

17 "Department." The Treasury Department of the Commonwealth.

1 Section 3. Processing of payments.

2 (a) General rule.--The department may process Supplemental
3 Security Income State Supplement Payments for out-of-State
4 payors.

5 (b) Contracts.--The department may enter into contracts, on
6 a contingent fee or other basis, associated with or arising out
7 of the activities of the department under subsection (a).

8 Section 4. Account.

9 (a) Establishment.--There is established a restricted
10 account in the General Fund to be known as the SSP Processing
11 Account. The department shall credit to the account all funds
12 collected or received from processing Supplemental Security
13 Income State Supplement Payments for out-of-State payors. On
14 July 31 of each year, all funds in the account which have not
15 been appropriated by the General Assembly in accordance with
16 subsection (b) shall be transferred to the General Fund.

17 (b) Use.--The General Assembly shall ANNUALLY appropriate <--
18 funds from the account to support the department's activities
19 under this act. The department shall submit a request for the
20 appropriation of the funds under Article VI of the act of April
21 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of
22 1929. EACH ANNUAL APPROPRIATION FROM THE ACCOUNT SHALL LAPSE, IN <--
23 ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 621 OF THE ACT OF APRIL 9, 1929
24 (P.L.177, NO.175), KNOWN AS THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF 1929, TO
25 THE GENERAL FUND.

26 Section 5. Reporting.

27 The department shall, by March 31 of each year, issue a
28 report to the Governor, the majority chair and the minority
29 chair of the Appropriations Committee of the Senate and the
30 majority chair and minority chair of the Appropriations

1 Committee of the House of Representatives. The report shall
2 contain at least the following information FOR THE REPORTING <--
3 PERIOD:

4 (1) A REPORT OF ALL OF THE DEPARTMENT'S ACTIVITIES <--
5 UNDERTAKEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS ACT.

6 (2) A LIST OF THE CONTRACTS AUTHORIZED UNDER SECTION
7 3(B).

8 ~~(1)~~ (3) A detailed ~~breakdown~~ ACCOUNTING of the <--
9 department's operating costs and other costs incurred for
10 activities authorized under this act for the 12 months prior
11 to the date of the report.

12 ~~(2)~~ (4) The total revenue collected by the department <--
13 for activities authorized under this act during the period
14 covered by the report.

15 ~~(3)~~ (5) A detailed estimate of the department's <--
16 operating costs and other costs for activities authorized
17 under this act for the next fiscal year that commences after
18 the date of the report, including the projected cost of a
19 contract authorized under section 3(b).

20 Section 6. Limitations.

21 The following shall apply to an activity authorized under
22 this act:

23 (1) Nothing under this act, including, but not limited
24 to, a contract authorized under this act and the processing
25 of a Supplemental Security Income State Supplement Payment
26 for out-of-State payors, shall be construed to permit or
27 authorize the waiver of sovereign immunity for the purposes
28 of 1 Pa.C.S. § 2310 (relating to sovereign immunity
29 reaffirmed; specific waiver).

30 (2) Nothing under this act shall permit the department

1 or the Commonwealth to indemnify another party for a loss,
2 damage or shortfall associated with a contract to process
3 Supplemental Security Income State Supplement Payments for
4 out-of-State payors.

5 Section 31. Appropriation.

6 For fiscal year 2014-2015, \$4,500,000 is appropriated on a
7 continuing basis from the account to the department to support
8 the department's activities under this act.

9 Section 32. Effective date.

10 This act shall take effect immediately.