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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, JUNE 5, 2019

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 3 (Agriculture) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, providing for grant programs; AND MAKING A RELATED <--
3 REPEAL.

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

6 Section 1. Title 3 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes
7 is amended by adding a part to read:

8 PART IX

9 GRANT PROGRAMS

10 Chapter

11 101. (Reserved)

12 103. Agricultural and Youth Development

13 CHAPTER 101

14 (Reserved)

15 CHAPTER 103

16 AGRICULTURE AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

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9 § 10301. Definitions.

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

13 "Agriculture and youth organization." An organization  
14 composed mainly of youth and organized to promote development in  
15 the areas of agriculture, community leadership, vocational  
16 training and peer fellowship. The term includes, but is not  
17 limited to, Pennsylvania FFA, 4-H, Ag in the Classroom, the  
18 Family, Career and Community Leaders of America and vocational  
19 education programs.

20 "Board." The State Agriculture and Youth Development Board.

21 "Program." The Agriculture and Youth Organization Grant  
22 Program.

23 § 10302. Board membership.

24 The board shall consist of the following members, with a  
25 majority of members constituting a quorum:

26 (1) The secretary or a designee, who shall serve as  
27 chairperson.

28 (2) The Secretary of Education or a designee.

29 (3) The chairperson and minority chairperson of the  
30 Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee of the Senate or a

1 designee and the chairperson and minority chairperson of the  
2 Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee of the House of  
3 Representatives or a designee.

4 (4) One representative from the Pennsylvania Association  
5 of Agriculture Educators and one from the Penn State  
6 Cooperative Extension, both of whom shall be appointed by the  
7 Governor.

8 (5) The Statewide president of the Pennsylvania FFA.

9 (6) The 4-H Statewide Council President.

10 (7) Up to three representatives, each from a different  
11 Pennsylvania farm or rural organization having a youth  
12 program, whom shall be appointed by the secretary.

13 (8) A representative of an urban agriculture community  
14 program.

15 (9) A youth representative of an urban garden operation  
16 or another urban agriculture operation.

17 § 10303. Agriculture and Youth Organization Grant Program.

18 (a) Program.--The department, in consultation with the  
19 board, shall establish a program of grants for agriculture and  
20 youth organizations qualifying to receive grants under this  
21 chapter, to be known as the Agriculture and Youth Organization  
22 Grant Program.

23 (b) Purpose.--Grants awarded under this chapter may be used  
24 for any of the following purposes:

25 (1) To cover the costs of special projects conducted by  
26 the organization and approved by the board.

27 (2) For educational or work force development programs  
28 conducted by the organization and approved by the board.

29 (3) For educational or work force development seminars  
30 and field trips conducted by the organization and approved by

1 the board.

2 (4) For agricultural safety training programs conducted  
3 by the organization and approved by the board.

4 (5) For certain capital projects and equipment purchases  
5 approved by the board.

6 § 10304. Applications.

7 (a) Application procedure.--An agriculture and youth  
8 organization may make application at the time, in the manner and  
9 containing information as the department may require. The  
10 department shall determine, from the information provided,  
11 whether the application is eligible for consideration by the  
12 board.

13 (b) Annual meeting.--The board shall meet annually to  
14 recommend to the department the awarding of grants to qualifying  
15 organizations.

16 (c) Other meetings.--The board shall meet at the call of the  
17 chairperson to conduct business related to the award of grants.

18 § 10305. Grants.

19 (a) General rule.--The department shall make grants in an  
20 amount not to exceed \$7,500 to qualifying agriculture and youth  
21 organizations upon the recommendation of the board.

22 (b) Matching funds.--Grants in an amount not to exceed  
23 \$25,000 shall be awarded to qualifying agriculture and youth  
24 organizations selected to receive the awards for the purposes of  
25 capital projects. Grants for capital projects must be matched by  
26 private money in an amount equal to the State grant.

27 (c) Annual allocation.--The board shall establish annual  
28 allocation limits for each fiscal year.

29 § 10306. Regulations.

30 The department shall administer the provisions of this

1 chapter and, with the approval of the board, shall prescribe and  
2 adopt program policy guidelines or regulations to administer and  
3 enforce this chapter. Until or unless supplanted by program  
4 policy guidelines or regulations adopted under this section, the  
5 program guidelines promulgated under the act of August 6, 1991  
6 (P.L.326, No.33), known as the Agriculture and Rural Youth  
7 Development Act, shall be the policy guidelines for the program.

8 § 10307. Appropriation FUNDING. <--

9 (a) Specific appropriation. The sum of \$500,000, or as much <--  
10 thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated to the department  
11 for the 2019-2020 fiscal year to carry out the provisions of  
12 this chapter. The appropriation under this subsection shall be a  
13 continuing appropriation and shall not lapse at the end of the  
14 fiscal year.

15 (b) General rule. For purposes of implementing the  
16 provisions of this chapter, the department may use:

17 (1) The appropriation described in subsection (a). <--

18 (2) (1) Any other money appropriated by the General <--  
19 Assembly to the department to carry out the provisions of  
20 this chapter.

21 (3) (2) Any other money, contributions or payments which <--  
22 may be made available to the department by the Federal  
23 Government or by any public or private source.

24 SECTION 2. REPEALS ARE AS FOLLOWS: <--

25 (1) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DECLARES THAT THE REPEAL UNDER  
26 PARAGRAPH (2) IS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE ADDITION OF 3  
27 PA.C.S. CH. 103.

28 (2) THE ACT OF AUGUST 6, 1991 (P.L.326, NO.33), KNOWN AS  
29 THE AGRICULTURE AND RURAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT ACT, IS REPEALED.

30 Section 2 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days. <--