

## AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 735

Sponsor: SENATOR PITTMAN

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1 Amend Bill, page 1, line 1, by striking out all of said line

2 and inserting

3 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled

4 "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the

5 executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the

6 Executive Department thereof and the administrative

7 departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof,

8 including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or

9 Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or

10 authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative

11 departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and

12 duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative

13 officers, and of the several administrative departments,

14 boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the

15 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive

16 and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of

17 certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and

18 other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards,

19 and commissions; providing for judicial administration; and

20 prescribing the manner in which the number and compensation

21 of the deputies and all other assistants and employes of

22 certain departments, boards and commissions shall be

23 determined," providing for Flood Insurance Premium Assistance

24 Task Force; in powers and duties of Department of Human

25 Services and its departmental administrative and advisory

26 boards and commissions, providing for child support

27 enforcement fees; and, in judicial administration, providing

28 for surcharge and fee.

29 Amend Bill, page 1, lines 4 through 16; pages 2 through 5,

30 lines 1 through 30; by striking out all of said lines on said

31 pages and inserting

32 Section 1. The act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known

33 as The Administrative Code of 1929, is amended by adding an

34 article to read:

35 ARTICLE XV-C

1 FLOOD INSURANCE PREMIUM ASSISTANCE TASK FORCE

2 Section 1501-C. Definitions.

3 The following words and phrases when used in this article  
4 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
5 context clearly indicates otherwise:

6 "FEMA." The Federal Emergency Management Agency.

7 "Task force." The Flood Insurance Premium Assistance Task  
8 Force established under section 1503-C.

9 Section 1502-C. Findings.

10 The General Assembly finds that:

11 (1) Many communities within this Commonwealth have faced  
12 devastating floods in recent years.

13 (2) The provisions of 42 U.S.C. Ch. 50 (relating to  
14 national flood insurance), has caused steep increases in  
15 flood insurance premiums to pay for increased spending in  
16 FEMA flood disaster assistance program.

17 (3) In the past several years, FEMA has revised its  
18 flood mapping to include many properties that previously did  
19 not require flood insurance.

20 (4) Whole communities along Pennsylvania's rivers and  
21 creeks could be devastated by plummeting property values due  
22 to unaffordable flood insurance premiums.

23 Section 1503-C. Flood Insurance Premium Assistance Task Force.

24 (a) Establishment.--The Flood Insurance Premium Assistance  
25 Task Force is established.

26 (b) Membership.--The task force shall consist of the  
27 following members, appointed within 25 days after the effective  
28 date of this subsection:

29 (1) The Insurance Commissioner, or a designee who shall  
30 be an employee of the Insurance Department appointed by the  
31 Insurance Commissioner, shall be the chair of the task force.

32 (2) The Director of the Pennsylvania Emergency  
33 Management Agency, or a designee who shall be an employee of  
34 the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency appointed by the  
35 Director of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency.

36 (3) The Secretary of Banking and Securities, or a  
37 designee who shall be an employee of the Department of  
38 Banking and Securities appointed by the Secretary of Banking  
39 and Securities.

40 (4) One member appointed by the President pro tempore of  
41 the Senate.

42 (5) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the  
43 Senate.

44 (6) One member appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
45 Representatives.

46 (7) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the  
47 House of Representatives.

48 (c) Conducting of business.--The task force shall conduct  
49 its business as follows:

50 (1) The physical presence of a majority of the members  
51 shall constitute a quorum of the task force.

1       (2) Action of the task force must be authorized or  
2       ratified by a majority vote of its members.

3       (3) A member not physically present may participate by  
4       teleconference or video conference.

5       (4) The first meeting shall be convened within 45 days  
6       of the effective date of this paragraph. Additional meetings  
7       may be called by the chair as necessary.

8       (5) The chair shall schedule a meeting upon written  
9       request of a two-thirds majority of the members of the task  
10       force.

11       (6) The task force shall hold public hearings as  
12       necessary to obtain the information required to conduct its  
13       review.

14       (7) All meetings and hearings held by the task force  
15       shall be subject to 65 Pa.C.S. Ch. 7 (relating to open  
16       meetings).

17       (8) The Department of Community and Economic  
18       Development, the Department of Conservation and Natural  
19       Resources, the Department of Environmental Protection and the  
20       Insurance Department shall cooperate to provide  
21       administrative or other assistance to the task force.

22       (9) Members may not receive compensation but shall be  
23       reimbursed for reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in  
24       service of the task force.

25       (d) Powers and duties.--The task force shall have the  
26       following powers and duties:

27       (1) To review and analyze the law, procedures,  
28       practices, processes and rules relating to the administration  
29       of flood insurance.

30       (2) To hold public hearings for the taking of testimony  
31       and the requesting of documents.

32       (3) Through its chair, to administer oaths and  
33       affirmations to witnesses appearing before the task force.

34       (4) To accept and review written comments from  
35       individuals and organizations.

36       (5) To make, by no later than six months after the  
37       effective date of this paragraph, a final report to the  
38       Governor, the Senate and the House of Representatives. In  
39       addition to any information that the task force deems  
40       appropriate, the report shall include recommendations  
41       regarding:

42       (i) potential programs that provide premium  
43       discounts;

44       (ii) potential programs, whether through the  
45       mechanism of premium discounts or other relief, that  
46       create incentives for local governments to undertake or  
47       continue flood mitigation efforts;

48       (iii) the implementation of necessary changes in  
49       statutes and practices of this Commonwealth, policies and  
50       procedures relating to the administration of flood  
51       insurance;

1           (iv) how to educate residents of this Commonwealth  
2           about the risk of flooding and ways to mitigate flood  
3           occurrences;

4           (v) steps that the Commonwealth should take to  
5           inform residents about the options available when  
6           purchasing flood insurance; and

7           (vi) how to increase the number of people that  
8           purchase flood insurance, either through the National  
9           Flood Insurance Program or the private flood insurance  
10           market.

11       (e) Report.--The report made under this article shall be:

12           (1) Adopted at a public meeting.

13           (2) A public record under the act of February 14, 2008  
14           (P.L.6, No.3), known as the Right-to-Know Law.

15       (f) Expiration.--The task force shall expire 30 days after  
16       making the final report to the Governor, the Senate and the  
17       House of Representatives under subsection (d) (5).

18       Section 2. The act is amended by adding sections to read:

19       Section 2338. Child Support Enforcement Fees.--The  
20       Department of Human Services may impose a fee of thirty-five  
21       dollars (\$35) in each child support case in which an individual  
22       has never received assistance under 42 U.S.C. Ch. 7 Subch. IV  
23       Pt. A (relating to block grants to states for temporary  
24       assistance for needy families) and for whom the Commonwealth has  
25       collected at least five hundred fifty dollars (\$550) of support  
26       in a Federal fiscal year. The Commonwealth shall pay the thirty-  
27       five dollar (\$35) fee for those cases in which the annual  
28       collection is between five hundred fifty dollars (\$550) and one  
29       thousand nine hundred ninety-nine dollars and ninety-nine cents  
30       (\$1,999.99). The thirty-five dollar (\$35) fee shall be collected  
31       from the custodial parent in cases where annual collections  
32       equal two thousand dollars (\$2,000) or more. Notwithstanding any  
33       other provision of law, the federally mandated thirty-five  
34       dollar (\$35) annual fee collected from the custodial parent  
35       shall be retained by the Department of Human Services.  
36       Section 2802-E. Surcharge and fee.

37       (a) Imposition.--

38           (1) The following apply:

39           (i) In addition to the fees imposed under 42 Pa.C.S.  
40           § 3733(a.1) (relating to deposits into account), a  
41           surcharge of \$10 shall be charged and collected by a  
42           division of the Unified Judicial System.

43           (ii) The additional surcharge under this paragraph  
44           shall be deposited into the Judicial Department  
45           Operations Augmentation Account established under section  
46           1795.1-E(d) of the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343,  
47           No.176), known as The Fiscal Code.

48           (iii) This paragraph shall expire July 31, 2025.

49           (2) The following apply:

50           (i) In addition to the fees imposed under 42 Pa.C.S.  
51           § 3733(a.1), a surcharge of \$11.25 shall be charged and

1 collected by a division of the Unified Judicial System.

2 (ii) The surcharge under this paragraph shall be  
3 deposited in the Judicial Department Operations  
4 Augmentation Account established under section 1795.1-  
5 E(d) of The Fiscal Code.

6 (iii) This paragraph shall expire July 31, 2025.

7 (b) Suspension of deposit.--For fiscal year 2023-2024, the  
8 deposit required under section 1795.2-E of The Fiscal Code shall  
9 be suspended.

10 Section 3. This act shall take effect as follows:

11 (1) The addition of Article XV-C of the act shall take  
12 effect in 60 days.

13 (2) The remainder of this act shall take effect  
14 immediately.