

## AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 350

Sponsor: SENATOR ROTHMAN

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1 Amend Bill, page 1, line 4, by striking out the period after  
2 "reports" and inserting

3 ; establishing the Pennsylvania Office of Transformation and  
4 Opportunity and the Economic Development Strategy Group; and  
5 providing for their powers and duties.

6 Amend Bill, page 1, line 9, by inserting after

7 "Administration"

8 and Economic Development

9 Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 13 and 14

10 "Office." The Pennsylvania Office of Transformation and  
11 Opportunity established under section 11(a).

12 Amend Bill, page 2, lines 18 through 23, by striking out "The  
13 term does not include" in line 18 and all of lines 19 through 23

14 Amend Bill, page 3, by inserting between lines 13 and 14

15 "Strategy group." The Economic Development Strategy Group  
16 established under section 12(a).

17 Amend Bill, page 6, by inserting between lines 8 and 9

18 (c) Tolling period.--If the State agency determines that  
19 the State agency is unable to issue a determination on the  
20 application, the State agency shall specify the information that  
21 is necessary for the applicant to resubmit the application. The  
22 deadlines under subsection (b) shall toll during the time period  
23 commencing on the date when the applicant receives the notice  
24 that the application is an incomplete application or technically  
25 deficient application and the date when the State agency  
26 receives the applicant's resubmitted application. Upon receipt  
27 of the applicant's resubmitted application, the State agency  
28 shall approve or deny the resubmitted application within the  
29 number of business days remaining in the tolled time period.

30 Amend Bill, page 7, by inserting between lines 22 and 23

1 (e) Deemed approval of permit.--If a State agency receives a  
2 completed application, a permit decision delay occurs and the  
3 application has not been submitted to a third-party professional  
4 review as required under subsection (c), the application shall  
5 be deemed approved and the State agency shall issue the permit.

6 Amend Bill, page 8, by inserting between lines 12 and 13

7 Section 11. Pennsylvania Office of Transformation and  
8 Opportunity.

9 (a) Establishment.--The Pennsylvania Office of  
10 Transformation and Opportunity is established within the  
11 Governor's Office. The office shall facilitate the  
12 implementation of transformational economic development  
13 projects, which will result in substantial quality job  
14 opportunities and capital investment in this Commonwealth by:

15 (1) coordinating and expediting interagency cooperation;

16 (2) marshaling Federal and State resources to maximize  
17 economic development opportunities for this Commonwealth to  
18 compete, grow and thrive in a global economy; and

19 (3) leveraging the role of the Governor to engage the  
20 global business community on behalf of the Commonwealth.

21 (b) Duties.--The office shall:

22 (1) Create a systematic process for managing economic  
23 development projects involving the resources of multiple  
24 State agencies to facilitate project management.

25 (2) Establish and monitor the progress of additional  
26 areas of economic development project support, including  
27 serving as a one-stop shop for coordination of State  
28 agencies, expediting State agency permit and license reviews  
29 and ensuring speed of business review and approval of  
30 Commonwealth economic incentive programs.

31 (3) Work in partnership with the Department of Community  
32 and Economic Development and all relevant State agencies in  
33 reviewing Federal and State funding applications to ensure  
34 that they maximize the opportunity to attract  
35 transformational economic development projects.

36 (4) Establish objectives and targets for the  
37 implementation of transformative economic development  
38 projects prioritized by the Governor for this Commonwealth.

39 (5) Establish and monitor time-based standards for  
40 completion of each phase of a transformative economic  
41 development project.

42 (6) Work in partnership with the Department of Community  
43 and Economic Development and all relevant State agencies and  
44 coordinate with the Governor's Action Team to ensure that  
45 thorough due diligence is performed for prioritized projects,  
46 which shall include:

47 (i) Overall economic impact of the project.

48 (ii) The validity of its business model and  
49 likelihood of positive impact on an identified priority

1 industry or sector.

2 (iii) The impact on communities that have been  
3 disadvantaged and underserved.

4 (iv) The strength of commitments for private  
5 financing of the project.

6 (7) Work in partnership with the Department of Community  
7 and Economic Development, all relevant State agencies and the  
8 Governor to develop an overall economic development blueprint  
9 and strategy for this Commonwealth in identifying key  
10 industry and sectors where this Commonwealth has competitive  
11 advantages.

12 (c) Staffing and administration.--

13 (1) The Governor shall appoint a Chief Transformation  
14 and Opportunity Officer of the office who shall serve at the  
15 pleasure of the Governor and coordinate the implementation  
16 and development of the duties specified in this section.

17 (2) The Chief Transformation and Opportunity Officer may  
18 hire staff, including economic development specialists, to  
19 perform the duties specified in this section.

20 (3) The Chief Transformation and Opportunity Officer  
21 shall report directly to the Governor and the office shall  
22 operate from the Governor's Office.

23 (d) Reports.--The office shall prepare and issue an annual  
24 report to the Governor with the first annual report due December  
25 31, 2023, and subsequent reports due December 31 of each  
26 succeeding year. The annual report shall include an analysis and  
27 examination of significant economic development opportunities  
28 gained and lost by this Commonwealth within an identified time  
29 period and recommendations for improvement. The report shall be  
30 delivered to the Governor or the Governor's designee.

31 Section 12. Economic Development Strategy Group.

32 (a) Establishment.--The Economic Development Strategy Group  
33 is established within the Governor's Office.

34 (b) Duty.--The strategy group shall advise the Governor on  
35 economic development projects and processes to attract and  
36 retain employers, recruit leaders of innovation and create  
37 quality jobs in this Commonwealth.

38 (c) Membership.--

39 (1) The strategy group shall be chaired by the Governor  
40 or, in the Governor's absence, by the Chief Transformation  
41 and Opportunity Officer.

42 (2) The strategy group shall consist of the following:

43 (i) The Secretary of Agriculture.

44 (ii) The Secretary of Community and Economic  
45 Development.

46 (iii) The Secretary of Education.

47 (iv) The Secretary of Environmental Protection.

48 (v) The Secretary of Labor and Industry.

49 (vi) The Secretary of Transportation.

50 (vii) Other members of the Governor's cabinet,  
51 appointed, on an individual project basis, at the

1           discretion of the Governor.

2           (d) Compensation prohibited.--Members of the strategy group  
3 may not receive compensation for performance of their duties on  
4 the strategy group.

5           Amend Bill, page 8, line 13, by striking out "11" and

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8           Amend Bill, page 8, line 17, by striking out "12" and

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