AN ACT

Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), entitled, "An act relating to the finances of the State government; providing for cancer control, prevention and research, for ambulatory surgical center data collection, for the Joint Underwriting Association, for entertainment business financial management firms, for private dam financial assurance and for reinstatement of item vetoes; providing for the settlement, assessment, collection, and lien of taxes, bonus, and all other accounts due the Commonwealth, the collection and recovery of fees and other money or property due or belonging to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof, including escheated property and the proceeds of its sale, the custody and disbursement or other disposition of funds and securities belonging to or in the possession of the Commonwealth, and the settlement of claims against the Commonwealth, the resettlement of accounts and appeals to the courts, refunds of moneys erroneously paid to the Commonwealth, auditing the accounts of the Commonwealth and all agencies thereof, of all public officers collecting moneys payable to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof, and all receipts of appropriations from the Commonwealth, authorizing the Commonwealth to issue tax anticipation notes to defray current expenses, implementing the provisions of section 7(a) of Article VIII of the Constitution of Pennsylvania authorizing and restricting the incurring of certain debt and imposing penalties; affecting every department, board, commission, and officer of the State government, every political subdivision of the State, and certain officers of such subdivisions, every person, association, and corporation required to pay, assess, or collect taxes, or to make returns or reports under the laws imposing taxes for State purposes, or to pay license fees or other moneys to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof, every State depository and every debtor or creditor of the..."
Commonwealth," in additional special funds, providing for the Enhanced Revenue Collection Account; in 2018-2019 budget implementation, further providing for Department of Revenue; and making an editorial change.

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

Section 1. The heading of Article XVII-A.1 of the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, is amended to read:

ARTICLE XVII-A.1

ADDITIONAL SPECIAL FUNDS AND RESTRICTED ACCOUNTS

Section 2. Article XVII-A.1 of the act is amended by adding a subarticle to read:

SUBARTICLE G

ENHANCED REVENUE COLLECTION ACCOUNT

Section 1761-A.1. Definitions.

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


"Department." The Department of Revenue of the Commonwealth.


The Enhanced Revenue Collection Account is continued as a restricted account within the General Fund. Revenues collected and the amount of refunds avoided as a result of expanded tax return reviews and tax collection activities by the department shall be deposited into the account.

Section 1763-A.1. Use of account.

(a) Appropriation.--The General Assembly may appropriate money in the account to the department to fund the costs associated with expanded tax return reviews and tax collection.
activities.

(b) Return.--Except for amounts appropriated under subsection (a), money in the account shall be returned proportionately to the General Fund revenue or refund accounts that were the source of the money no later than the 28th day of each month of the fiscal year.


The department shall issue a report to the Governor, the chairperson and minority chairperson of the Appropriations Committee of the Senate and the chairperson and minority chairperson of the Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives by June 1, 2020, and each June 1 thereafter, with the following information:

(1) A detailed breakdown of the department's administrative costs in implementing expanded tax return reviews and tax collection activities.

(2) The amount of revenue collected and the amount of refunds avoided as a result of the expanded tax return reviews and tax collection activities, including the type of tax generating the revenue and avoided refunds.

Section 3. Section 1730-H of the act, repealed and added June 22, 2018 (P.L.281, No.42), is amended to read:

Section 1730-H. Department of Revenue.

The following apply to appropriations for the Department of Revenue:

(1) The Enhanced Revenue Collection Account shall continue as a restricted account within the General Fund through fiscal year [2019-2020] 2018-2019. Revenues collected and the amount of refunds avoided as a result of expanded tax return reviews and tax collection activities shall be...
deposited into the restricted account. The following shall apply:

(i) Of the money transferred under this paragraph in the account, for fiscal years 2018-2019 and 2019-2020, up to $30,000,000 is appropriated to the department to fund the costs associated with expanded tax return reviews and tax collection activities. The balance of the money in the account shall be returned proportionately to the General Fund revenue or refund accounts that were the source of the money no later than the 28th day of each month of the fiscal year.

(ii) The department shall issue a report to the Governor, the chairperson and the minority chairperson of the Appropriations Committee of the Senate and the chairperson and minority chairperson of the Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives by June 1, 2019, and by each June 1 thereafter, with the following information:

(A) A detailed breakdown of the department's administrative costs in implementing expanded tax return reviews and tax collection activities.

(B) The amount of revenue collected and the amount of refunds avoided as a result of the expanded tax return reviews and tax collection activities, including the type of tax generating the revenue and avoided refunds.

(2) (Reserved).

Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019, or immediately, whichever occurs later.