THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL
No. 1824 Session of 2021

INTRODUCED BY DeLUCA, AUGUST 31, 2021

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, AUGUST 31, 2021

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 emergency COVID-19 response, providing for
accountability.
The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:
Section 1. Article I-C of the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, is amended by adding a subarticle to read:

SUBARTICLE M
ACCOUNTABILITY

Section 194-C. Public hearings.
(a) Requirement.--Each municipality and school entity that receives a grant or other money appropriated to the municipality or school entity from money received by the Commonwealth under Title IX, Subtitle M, section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Public Law 117-2, 135 Stat. 4) and deposited into the account shall hold at least three public hearings to address the use of the grant or other money by the municipality or school entity.

(b) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:
"Municipality." Any of the following:
(1) A county, city, borough, incorporated town or township.
(2) A home rule, optional plan or optional charter municipality.
(3) Any other general purpose unit of government established by the General Assembly.
"School entity." Any of the following:
(1) A school district of any class.
(2) A public school.
(3) A nonpublic school.

(4) A private school.

(5) An intermediate unit, as described in Article IX-A of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949.

(6) A charter school, as defined in section 1703-A of the Public School Code of 1949.

(7) A cyber charter school, as defined in section 1703-A of the Public School Code of 1949.

(8) A regional charter school, as defined in section 1703-A of the Public School Code of 1949.

(9) An area career and technical school, as described in section 1841 of the Public School Code of 1949.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.