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, further providing for use of money; and making an appropriation.

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

Section 1. Section 160-C(a) of the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, is amended by adding a paragraph to read:

Section 160-C. Use of money.

(a) Uses.--The following shall apply:

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(10.1) Subject to paragraph (11), from money appropriated for COVID relief for county agencies, $722,000 shall be used for making a one-time payment to county agencies as defined under 55 Pa.Code § 3490.4 (relating to definitions) and the county agency's contracted providers for child welfare services, for the purchase of personal protective equipment. All of the following apply:

(i) The Department of Human Services shall allocate the payments based upon the percentage of caseworkers per county agency.

(ii) The disbursement of payments shall be determined by the Department of Human Services.

(iii) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the payment received by a county agency under this paragraph shall not affect the eligibility of, or the amount awarded to, a county agency under any needs-based grant and budget process.

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Section 2. The sum of $722,000, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the COVID-19 Response Restricted
Account for COVID Relief to the Department of Human Services for making payments to county agencies under section 160-C(a)(10.1) of the act.

Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.