THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL
No. 639  Session of 2021

INTRODUCED BY COLLETT, KEARNEY, L. WILLIAMS AND KANE, MAY 11, 2021

REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, MAY 11, 2021

AN ACT

Amending the act of September 30, 1983 (P.L.160, No.39), entitled "An act establishing salaries and compensation of certain public officials including justices and judges of Statewide courts, judges of courts of common pleas, judges of the Philadelphia Municipal Court, judges of the Philadelphia Traffic Court, district justices and the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the State Treasurer, the Auditor General, the Attorney General and certain other State officers and the salary and certain expenses of the members of the General Assembly; and repealing certain inconsistent acts," further providing for members of the General Assembly.

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

Section 1.  Section 4(a) of the act of September 30, 1983 (P.L.160, No.39), known as the Public Official Compensation Law, is amended to read:

Section 4.  Members of the General Assembly.

(a) Members salary, expense and mileage.--

(1) The salary of members of the General Assembly shall be $47,000 per annum and mileage to and from their homes at the rate of 20¢ per mile, circular, for each week a member was in actual attendance in session between their homes and
the State Capitol and, except as provided herein, no other compensation shall be allowed whatsoever, except each member of the General Assembly shall receive an allocation for clerical assistance and other expenses incurred during his term in connection with the duties of his office in the sum of $7,500 annually; the salary to be payable in equal monthly installments the first day of the month, including the installment due December 1 of each even-numbered year.

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), during the proclamation of disaster emergency issued by the Governor on March 6, 2020, published at 50 Pa.B. 1644 (March 21, 2020), and any renewal of the state of disaster emergency, no member of the General Assembly may receive a per diem or payment for additional expenses. On a quarterly basis, unencumbered funds appropriated to the General Assembly dedicated to per diem or payment for additional expenses shall be transferred by the State Treasurer to a restricted account in the General Fund to be used by the Department of Community and Economic Development to provide grants to small businesses through the COVID-19 Relief - Statewide Small Business Assistance Program.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.