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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LABOR RELATIONS, APRIL 10, 1989

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 1, 1978 (P.L.584, No.109), entitled "An
2 act establishing an agency to create the linkage necessary
3 for the planning of an economic development system for
4 Pennsylvania, and making an appropriation," further providing
5 for powers and duties of council.

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

8 Section 1. Section 6 of the act of July 1, 1978 (P.L.584,
9 No.109), known as the Milrite Act, is amended by adding
10 paragraphs to read:

11 Section 6. Powers and duties of council.

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13 (11) Prepare an annual business survey under section
14 6.2.

15 (12) Prepare a State economic model under section 6.3.

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17 Section 2. The act is amended by adding sections to read:

18 Section 6.2. Annual business survey.

19 (a) The council shall prepare an annual business survey to

ascertain the general and specific health of businesses in this Commonwealth. The survey shall be prepared as follows:

(1) The survey shall be disseminated to businesses, selected by random sample, or as may be required by standard research methods, within this Commonwealth in the first three weeks of July.

(2) The businesses shall complete the surveys and return them to the department by the last business day in September of the same year.

(3) The council shall compile data from the surveys and prepare a report on the surveys by June 30 of the year after the surveys were disseminated, completed and returned.

(4) The council shall use the surveys and the data generated from the surveys for creating and updating the State economic model authorized under section 6.3. In addition, the surveys and the data generated from the surveys may be made available for other research purposes under section 6.3(d).

(5) The confidentiality of the individual surveys of businesses shall be preserved.

(6) The survey may include requests for confidential financial or proprietary information, but no business surveyed shall be required to provide this information. The survey form shall indicate that no business surveyed is required to provide confidential financial or proprietary information.

(b) The report prepared under subsection (a)(3) shall be presented to the Governor and the General Assembly.

Section 6.3. State economic model.

(a) The council shall establish a State economic model:

1 (1) The council may hire field investigators to obtain
2 economic data for use in constructing the economic model.

3 (2) The council shall update the economic model.

4 (3) The council shall require a good faith effort by
5 businesses surveyed to provide accurate economic data.

6 (4) The council may offer a stipend not to exceed \$100
7 to a sampled business that provides accurate economic data.

8 (b) The State economic model shall be used to:

9 (1) Create research data for economic forecasting.

10 (2) Formulate proposed policy.

11 (3) Analyze existing and proposed policies and programs.

12 (c) The research data created by the State economic model
13 and the annual business survey under section 6.2 shall provide
14 the ability to monitor and evaluate, on the basis of standard
15 industrial classifications, changes in:

16 (1) Sector-by-sector economic activity.

17 (2) Employment levels.

18 (3) Products and market needs.

19 (4) Demographics.

20 (5) Industrial targeting, including measures of market
21 access, locational advantages and potential regional impacts.

22 (6) Product outputs sold to various economic sectors.

23 (d) Availability of the State economic model shall be as
24 follows:

25 (1) The data used for the construction of the State
26 economic model and data generated by the State economic model
27 shall be available:

28 (i) To the council, other administrative agencies
29 and the General assembly for use in the development of
30 economic and employment programs and for the analysis of

1 existing and proposed economic and employment policy and
2 programs.

3 (ii) For other research purposes under paragraph
4 (3).

5 (2) When this data is made available, the
6 confidentiality of individual surveys of businesses shall be
7 preserved.

8 (3) Upon majority vote, the council shall determine, by
9 regulation, standards and procedures for permitting requests
10 for the use of data generated from the surveys of individual
11 businesses, data used for the construction of the State
12 economic model and data generated from the State economic
13 model. Regulations under this paragraph shall include cost
14 assessments for the use of the material. Lower costs may be
15 assessed to government agencies, academic institutions,
16 nonprofit institutions and the news media.

17 (e) The council shall enter into agreements with the
18 Governor and the General Assembly for the council to prepare and
19 carry out requested economic and employment research.

20 (f) Administrative agencies shall provide assistance and
21 information to the council upon request. This subsection
22 includes such confidential information as the council deems
23 necessary for carrying out its duties under this section.

24 (g) The State economic model shall be created in a cost-
25 effective manner. The council shall periodically review the
26 costs and usefulness of the State economic model. When possible
27 and appropriate, existing data from other administrative
28 agencies shall be used. Surveys and field investigations shall
29 seek data or conformation of data not available from other
30 administrative agencies.

1 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.