

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 322 Session of  
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M. WHITE, EARLL AND THOMPSON, MARCH 12, 2003

REFERRED TO URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING, MARCH 12, 2003

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled  
2 "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the  
3 executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the  
4 Executive Department thereof and the administrative  
5 departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof,  
6 including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or  
7 Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or  
8 authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative  
9 departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and  
10 duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative  
11 officers, and of the several administrative departments,  
12 boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the  
13 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive  
14 and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of  
15 certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and  
16 other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards,  
17 and commissions; and prescribing the manner in which the  
18 number and compensation of the deputies and all other  
19 assistants and employes of certain departments, boards and  
20 commissions shall be determined," providing for a Low-Income  
21 Home Energy Assistance Block Grant.

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

24 Section 1. The act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known  
25 as The Administrative Code of 1929, is amended by adding a  
26 section to read:

27 Section 626. Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Block

1 Grant.--(a) The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Block Grant  
2 (LIHEABG) is to help lessen the impact of the high cost of  
3 energy on low-income families and individuals, including energy  
4 efficiency grants for low-income dwellings. No less than fifteen  
5 per centum (15%) of all LIHEABG funds received shall be used for  
6 weatherization.

7 (b) The Department of Community and Economic Development  
8 shall adopt regulations regarding the weatherization  
9 requirements of subsection (a) after consultation with the  
10 Department of Public Welfare.

11 (c) Unexpended LIHEABG weatherization funds which would  
12 result in LIHEABG funds being returned to the Federal Department  
13 of Health and Human Services may be spent for assistance grants  
14 at the discretion of the Secretary of the Budget. The Secretary  
15 of the Budget shall notify the chairman and minority chairman of  
16 the Appropriations Committee of the Senate and the chairman and  
17 the minority chairman of the Appropriations Committee of the  
18 House of Representatives of the intent to reallocate any such  
19 funds ten days prior to any reallocation.

20 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.