

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGING AND OLDER ADULT SERVICES,
APRIL 24, 2006

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 Department thereof and the administrative
4 departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof,
5 including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or
6 Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or
7 authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative
8 departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and
9 duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative
10 officers, and of the several administrative departments,
11 boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the
12 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive
13 and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of
14 certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and
15 other assistants and employees in certain departments, boards,
16 and commissions; and prescribing the manner in which the
17 number and compensation of the deputies and all other
18 assistants and employees of certain departments, boards and
19 commissions shall be determined," further providing for the
20 allocation of Federal and State funds to area agencies.

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

23 Section 1. Section 2210-A of the act of April 9, 1929

1 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929,
2 amended December 15, 1988 (P.L.1244, No.153), is amended to
3 read:

4 Section 2210-A. Allocation of Resources.--(a) The area
5 agency shall receive a basic allocation of resources, consisting
6 of State and Federal funds weighted by the proportion of older
7 poor persons who reside in the planning and service area in
8 relation to the total number of older poor persons who reside in
9 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania utilizing poverty threshold
10 income standards as determined by the United States Office of
11 Management and Budget [except that each area agency shall be
12 held harmless to the amount of State funds received in the
13 preceding program year].

14 (b) The department may allocate additional resources to area
15 agencies based upon the total number of older persons who reside
16 within the planning and service area, the availability of
17 transportation services, the rural-urban distribution of older
18 persons, and attendant rural program cost differentials, the
19 need for social and medical services, the amount of funds
20 devoted by county commissioners for older persons and other
21 special circumstances as determined by the secretary.

22 (c) Funds appropriated to carry out the purposes of this act
23 shall be distributed to the local authorities or nonprofit
24 agencies as grants or cost reimbursement for services to the
25 aging, if there is an acceptable plan in accordance with section
26 2209-A.

27 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.