

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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O'PAKE AND BOSCOLA, FEBRUARY 11, 2005

REFERRED TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, FEBRUARY 11, 2005

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of August 24, 1951 (P.L.1304, No.315),  
2 entitled, as amended, "An act to improve local health  
3 administration throughout the Commonwealth by authorizing the  
4 creation, establishment and administration of single-county  
5 or joint-county departments of health in all counties;  
6 exempting certain municipalities from the jurisdiction of  
7 single-county or joint-county departments of health;  
8 permitting the dissolution of departments or boards of health  
9 in certain municipalities; authorizing State grants to  
10 counties which establish departments of health and to certain  
11 municipalities if they meet prescribed requirements;  
12 conferring powers and duties upon the State Department of  
13 Health in connection with the creation, establishment and  
14 administration of single-county or joint-county departments  
15 of health and administration of the health laws in parts of  
16 certain municipalities not subject to the jurisdiction of  
17 single-county or joint-county departments of health, and the  
18 administration of State grants; and repealing an act which  
19 confers health powers upon counties of the first class,"  
20 further providing for State grants to county departments of  
21 health and to certain municipalities.

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

24 Section 1. Section 25(d) of the act of August 24, 1951  
25 (P.L.1304, No.315), known as the Local Health Administration  
26 Law, amended December 17, 1990 (P.L.717, No.179), is amended to  
27 read:

1       Section 25. State Grants to County Departments of Health and  
2 to Certain Municipalities.--\* \* \*

3       (d) Environmental Health Services.--The Commonwealth shall  
4 pay an additional annual grant of not more than [one dollar and  
5 fifty cents (\$1.50)] three dollars (\$3.00) per capita resident  
6 to each county department of health or department or board of  
7 health of a municipality eligible for grants under this act for  
8 environmental health services provided by the county or  
9 municipality.

10       As used in this subsection "environmental health services"  
11 means services such as but not limited to air and noise  
12 pollution control, restaurant and wholesale food inspection,  
13 rodent and vector control, water and sewage inspection, housing  
14 code enforcement and other similar services in addition to other  
15 local health grants for public health services.

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