

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY REICHLEY, BEAR, BOYD, CHRISTIANA, FAIRCHILD,  
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OCTOBER 29, 2009

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, OCTOBER 29, 2009

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 employees 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 employees of certain departments, boards and  
20 commissions shall be determined," providing for general  
21 appropriation bill time line.

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:

Section 613.1. General Appropriation Bill Time Line.--(a)

(1) A member of the majority party of the House of Representatives shall introduce a general appropriation bill for a fiscal year no later than March 31 of the immediately preceding fiscal year.

(2) The House of Representatives shall pass a general appropriation bill for a fiscal year no later than April 30 of the immediately preceding fiscal year.

(3) If the House of Representatives fails to meet the deadline established by paragraph (2), neither the House of Representatives nor any of its officers or members may enter into any contract or award any grant between May 1 and the date on which the House of Representatives passes a general appropriation bill.

(b) (1) The Senate shall pass a general appropriation bill for a fiscal year no later than May 30 of the immediately preceding fiscal year.

(2) If the Senate fails to meet the deadline established by paragraph (1), neither the Senate nor any of its officers or members may enter into any contract or award any grant between June 1 and the date on which the Senate passes a general appropriation bill.

(c) If the Governor fails to approve a general appropriation bill for a fiscal year in accordance with section 15 of Article IV of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, or fails to partially disapprove a general appropriation bill for a fiscal year in accordance with section 16 of Article IV of the Constitution of Pennsylvania on or prior to June 30 of the immediately preceding fiscal year, the following shall apply:

(1) The Senate and any of its officers or members, the House

of Representatives and any of its officers or members, and any agency of the Commonwealth under the Governor's jurisdiction may not enter into any contract or award any grant between July 1 and the date on which the Governor approves or partially disapproves the general appropriation bill.

(2) The Senate and the House of Representatives shall be called into session each day between July 1 and the date on which the Governor approves or partially disapproves the general appropriation bill.

(d) In the event that a member of the majority caucus of the Senate introduces a general appropriation bill and the Senate passes a general appropriation bill prior to May 1 and before the House passes a general appropriation bill, the provisions of subsection (a), which prohibit the House of Representatives and its officers and members from entering into contracts and awarding grants, shall not apply and the deadline established and the prohibition specified in subsection (b) shall apply to the House of Representatives and its officers and members.

(e) The following words and phrases used in this section shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Contract" means a type of written agreement, regardless of what it may be called, for the procurement or disposal of supplies, services or construction and executed by all parties in accordance with the act of October 15, 1980 (P.L.950, No.164), known as the "Commonwealth Attorneys Act."

"General appropriation bill" means a bill introduced in either the Senate or the House of Representatives that provides for the General Appropriation Act for the fiscal year commencing after the fiscal year in which the bill is introduced.

1     "Grant" means the furnishing of assistance by the  
2     Commonwealth or any person, whether financial or otherwise, to  
3     any person to support a program.

4     Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.