THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AN ACT

Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), entitled, as amended, "An act relating to the finances of the State 2 government; providing for the settlement, assessment, 3 collection, and lien of taxes, bonus, and all other accounts 4 due the Commonwealth, the collection and recovery of fees and 5 other money or property due or belonging to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof, including escheated property and the 7 proceeds of its sale, the custody and disbursement or other 8 disposition of funds and securities belonging to or in the 9 possession of the Commonwealth, and the settlement of claims 10 against the Commonwealth, the resettlement of accounts and 11 appeals to the courts, refunds of moneys erroneously paid to 12 the Commonwealth, auditing the accounts of the Commonwealth 13 and all agencies thereof, of all public officers collecting 14 moneys payable to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof, 15 and all receipts of appropriations from the Commonwealth, 16 authorizing the Commonwealth to issue tax anticipation notes 17 to defray current expenses, implementing the provisions of 18 19 section 7(a) of Article VIII of the Constitution of Pennsylvania authorizing and restricting the incurring of 20 certain debt and imposing penalties; affecting every 21 department, board, commission, and officer of the State 22 government, every political subdivision of the State, and 23 24 certain officers of such subdivisions, every person, 25 association, and corporation required to pay, assess, or collect taxes, or to make returns or reports under the laws 26 imposing taxes for State purposes, or to pay license fees or 27 other moneys to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof, 28 29 every State depository and every debtor or creditor of the Commonwealth," in the Treasury Department, further providing 30 for investment. 31

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

- 1 hereby enacts as follows:
- 2 Section 1. Section 301.1(i) of the act of April 9, 1929
- 3 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, amended July 4,
- 4 2008 (P.L.629, No.53), is amended to read:
- 5 Section 301.1. Investment of Moneys.--* * *
- 6 (i) (1) Notwithstanding subsections (a) through (h), the
- 7 Treasury Department shall have the exclusive management and full
- 8 power to invest and reinvest the moneys of any fund as shall be
- 9 accumulated beyond the ordinary needs of the various funds and
- 10 which are not authorized by law to be invested by any board,
- 11 commission or State officer, subject, however, to the prudent
- 12 investor standard.
- 13 (1.1) When investing, reinvesting, purchasing, acquiring,
- 14 exchanging, selling or managing public funds, the Treasury
- 15 Department shall act as a fiduciary with care, skill, prudence
- 16 and diligence under the circumstances then prevailing,
- 17 specifically including, but not limited to, the general economic
- 18 conditions and the anticipated needs of the funds, that a
- 19 prudent person acting in a like capacity and with familiarity
- 20 with those matters would use in the conduct of funds of a like
- 21 character and with like objectives. The following shall apply:
- 22 (i) The primary objective of the Treasury Department shall
- 23 be to safeguard the principal of the funds. The secondary
- 24 objective shall be to meet the liquidity needs of the funds. The
- 25 third objective shall be to achieve a return on the funds.
- 26 (ii) The prudent investor standard embraces the duty of
- 27 loyalty whereby actions must be in accordance with the sole
- 28 purpose doctrine to accomplish the prudent investor objectives
- 29 and not in pursuit of other objectives except as otherwise
- 30 provided by statute.

- 1 (iii) The prudent investor standard embraces the duty to
- 2 monitor the ongoing circumstances of investments for ongoing
- 3 appropriateness of investments to meet the prudent investor
- 4 objectives.
- 5 (iv) The Treasury Department shall have the power and
- 6 authority to invest in securities subject to the then prevailing
- 7 standards that institutional investors employ in the context of
- 8 investment decisions made with consideration of fiduciary
- 9 standards.
- 10 (v) The Treasury Department shall maintain and publish a
- 11 list of prohibited investments within its investment policy.
- 12 (2) The authority to invest or reinvest the moneys of any
- 13 fund pursuant to this subsection shall expire December 31,
- 14 [2010] 2014. The Treasury Department may maintain investments
- 15 pursuant to this subsection which are in existence on the
- 16 expiration date in this paragraph for not more than two years
- 17 following such expiration date.
- 18 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.