

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## SENATE BILL

No. 276 Session of  
2011INTRODUCED BY ARGALL, FONTANA, ALLOWAY, ERICKSON, BOSCOLA,  
BROWNE, GORDNER, WAUGH AND FERLO, JANUARY 26, 2011SENATOR CORMAN, APPROPRIATIONS, RE-REPORTED AS AMENDED, MARCH 5,  
2012

## AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 22, 2000 (P.L.318, No.32), entitled "An  
2 act encouraging State agencies to locate facilities in a  
3 downtown area; and providing for report to General Assembly,"  
4 further providing for powers and duties of the Department of  
5 General Services.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. Section 4(a) of the act of June 22, 2000  
9 (P.L.318, No.32), known as the Downtown Location Law, is amended  
10 ~~and the section is amended by adding a subsection to read:~~ ←

11 Section 4. Powers and duties.

12 (a) Guidelines.--The department shall establish guidelines  
13 to encourage State agencies to locate all new office facilities  
14 in downtown areas. The guidelines shall include consideration of  
15 the following factors:

- 16 (1) The requirements of the agency.  
17 (2) Servicing clientele needs.  
18 (3) Local economic considerations.  
19 (4) The availability of suitable space in a downtown

1 area.

2 (5) Competitiveness in the marketplace.

3 (6) Cost to the Commonwealth.

4 (7) Safety to persons using the office facility.

5 (8) The availability of public transportation.

6 (9) Compatibility with the economic revitalization plan  
7 for the downtown area.

8 (10) Local zoning ordinances.

9 ~~(a.1) Coordination. The department shall also coordinate~~ ←  
10 ~~projects with existing public and private sector organizations~~  
11 ~~committed to community, downtown revitalization and historic~~  
12 ~~preservation. The coordination shall include seeking a~~  
13 ~~recommendation from the identified downtown revitalization or~~  
14 ~~historic preservation organization as to whether, in its~~  
15 ~~opinion, the needs of the agency could be met based on the~~  
16 ~~factors specified in subsection (a).~~

17 (11) THE LIKELIHOOD OF NATURAL DISASTERS AND ←  
18 PREVENTATIVE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE MEASURES THERETO.

19 (12) COMMENTS FROM EXISTING PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR  
20 ORGANIZATIONS COMMITTED TO COMMUNITY, DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION  
21 AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION TO BE IDENTIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENT  
22 OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

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