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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, APRIL 16, 2019

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 employes in certain departments, boards,
 17 and commissions; providing for judicial administration; and
 18 prescribing the manner in which the number and compensation
 19 of the deputies and all other assistants and employes of
 20 certain departments, boards and commissions shall be
 21 determined," in Commonwealth budget procedures, providing for
 22 definitions and further providing for budget implementation
 23 data, for electronic access of information and for lapsing of
 24 funds.

25 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

26 hereby enacts as follows:

27 Section 1. The act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known

1 as The Administrative Code of 1929, is amended by adding a
2 section to read:

3 Section 601.1. Definitions.--The following words and phrases
4 when used in this article shall have the meanings given to them
5 in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

6 "Encumbrance." An obligation or commitment in the form of
7 purchase orders, field purchase orders, contracts, grant
8 agreements or other authorizing documents related to unperformed
9 contracts for goods and services which are chargeable to an
10 appropriation and for which a part of the appropriation is
11 reserved.

12 "Grants and subsidies." A payment made by the Commonwealth
13 to a political subdivision, an individual, institution or
14 organization for which no direct services are rendered to the
15 Commonwealth. The term includes awards, bounties and
16 indemnities.

17 Section 2. Section 620 of the act is amended by adding a
18 subsection to read:

19 Section 620. Budget Implementation Data.--* * *

20 (a.1) For each special fund from which grants and subsidies
21 are paid, each department shall prepare a report within twenty
22 (20) days of the end of each calendar quarter indicating the
23 amount, the name of the grantee or recipient and the date of
24 expected expenditures for each grant and subsidy which has been
25 awarded or otherwise allocated, but is not reflected in the
26 Integrated Central System under section 620.1 as an encumbrance
27 as of the end of the calendar quarter. The report shall be
28 issued to the chairperson and minority chairperson of the
29 Appropriations Committee of the Senate and the chairperson and
30 minority chairperson of the Appropriations Committee of the

1 House of Representatives, the Independent Fiscal Office and
2 members of the General Assembly. A copy of the report shall be
3 sent to the Office of Administration. The Office of
4 Administration shall make the report available on the public
5 Internet website called PennWATCH established under the act of
6 June 30, 2011 (P.L.81, No.18), known as the Pennsylvania Web
7 Accountability and Transparency (PennWATCH) Act.

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9 Section 3. Section 620.1 of the act is amended to read:

10 Section 620.1. Electronic Access of Information.--Except for
11 confidential information, the Majority and Minority Chairmen of
12 the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of
13 Representatives shall have access to all information available
14 on inquiry-only screens through the Integrated Central System or
15 a successor system.

16 Section 4. The definitions of "encumbrance" and "grants and
17 subsidies" in section 621(a) of the act are amended to read:

18 Section 621. Lapsing of Funds.--(a) As used in this
19 section:

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21 ["Encumbrance." Obligation or commitment in the form of
22 purchase orders, field purchase orders, contracts, grant
23 agreements or other authorizing documents related to unperformed
24 contracts for goods and services which are chargeable to an
25 appropriation and for which a part of the appropriation is
26 reserved.]

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28 ["Grants and subsidies." Includes all payments made by the
29 State to political subdivisions, individuals, institutions and
30 organizations for which no direct services are rendered to the

1 State. Also included are: awards, bounties and indemnities.]

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3 Section 5. This act shall take effect in 60 days.