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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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STRUZZI, APRIL 10, 2019

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, APRIL 10, 2019

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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, further  
22 providing for submission of budget to General Assembly and  
23 for transmission of budget information to the General  
24 Assembly.

25 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
26 hereby enacts as follows:

27 Section 1. Section 613 of the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177,  
28 No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, is amended by

1 adding a clause to read:

2 Section 613. Submission of Budget to General Assembly.--As  
3 soon as possible after the organization of the General Assembly,  
4 but not later than the first full week in February of each year,  
5 except in the case where a Governor has been elected for his  
6 first term of office and then no later than the first full week  
7 in March, the Governor shall submit to the General Assembly  
8 copies of original agency budget requests and all subsequent  
9 revised agency budget requests and a State budget and program  
10 and financial plan embracing:

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12 (5) Suggested legislative language necessary to implement  
13 the operating budget and program and financial plan submitted  
14 under this section. The following apply to suggested legislative  
15 language submitted under this clause:

16 (i) The suggested legislative language shall be sent to each  
17 member of the General Assembly and made available on the Office  
18 of the Budget's publicly accessible Internet website no later  
19 than fifteen (15) days after the submissions are presented under  
20 clauses (1), (2) and (3).

21 (ii) The submission shall include a general appropriation  
22 bill, other appropriation bills, nonpreferred appropriation  
23 bills or statutory authorizations, including language for  
24 proposals for bills to raise revenue and proposals for formulas  
25 for distribution of money.

26 Section 2. Section 619 of the act is amended by adding a  
27 subsection to read:

28 Section 619. Transmission of Budget Information to the  
29 General Assembly.--\* \* \*

30 (e) No later than ninety (90) days after the enactment of a

1 general appropriation act, the Secretary of the Budget shall  
2 prepare and submit a summary of appropriations to the Majority  
3 and Minority Chairmen of the Appropriations Committees of the  
4 Senate and the House of Representatives, the Independent Fiscal  
5 Office and members of the General Assembly. The summary shall  
6 include the following for each appropriation in the general  
7 appropriation act:

8 (1) The name and description of the appropriation.

9 (2) Whether the appropriation or the program funded by the  
10 appropriation is required by State law.

11 (3) Citations to applicable State law governing the use,  
12 allocation or distribution of the money appropriated.

13 (4) Whether the appropriation or the program funded by the  
14 appropriation is required by Federal law.

15 (5) Citations to applicable Federal law governing the use,  
16 allocation or distribution of the money appropriated.

17 (6) Whether the appropriation is augmented by other State  
18 money.

19 (7) Whether the appropriation is augmented by Federal money.

20 (8) Whether the appropriation is used to receive Federal  
21 matching funds.

22 (9) Whether the appropriation is used to fund a program  
23 which, under Federal law, requires services to be provided to  
24 all eligible applicants regardless of the amount appropriated.

25 (10) Whether the appropriation is used to fund a program  
26 which, under State law, requires services to be provided to all  
27 eligible applicants regardless of the amount appropriated.

28 Section 3. This act shall take effect January 1, 2020, or  
29 immediately, whichever is later.