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AN ACT

Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An act relating to the public school system, including certain provisions applicable as well to private and parochial 3 schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto," providing for Shared Services Grant 5 6 Program. 7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows: 8 9 Section 1. The act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, is amended by adding an 10 11 article to read: 12 ARTICLE XV-K 13 SHARED SERVICES GRANT PROGRAM 14 Section 1501-K. Scope of article. 15 This article relates to the Shared Services Grant Program Act. 16 Section 1502-K. Definitions. 17

The following words and phrases when used in this article

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- 1 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
- 2 context clearly indicates otherwise:
- 3 "Department." The Department of Education of the
- 4 Commonwealth.
- 5 "Program." The Shared Services Grant Program established
- 6 under section 1503-K.
- 7 <u>"School entity." A school district, charter school,</u>
- 8 <u>intermediate unit or career and technical education center.</u>
- 9 <u>Section 1503-K. Grant program.</u>
- 10 The Shared Services Grant Program is established and shall be
- 11 <u>administered by the department. Grants provided under the</u>
- 12 program shall be used to improve and enhance the capabilities of
- 13 <u>local governments through shared services activities such as</u>
- 14 regionalization, consolidation, shared capacity, boundary change
- 15 <u>or personnel sharing.</u>
- 16 <u>Section 1504-K. Notice.</u>
- 17 By March 1, 2022, and each March 1 thereafter, the department
- 18 shall provide information regarding the availability and award
- 19 of program grant money on the publicly accessible Internet
- 20 website of the department and transmit notice to the Legislative
- 21 Reference Bureau for publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.
- 22 <u>Section 1505-K. Appropriation.</u>
- 23 <u>The General Assembly shall appropriate money as it deems</u>
- 24 necessary to pay the costs for the implementation and
- 25 <u>administration of this article.</u>
- 26 Section 1506-K. Report.
- 27 By March 1, 2022, and each March 1 thereafter, the department
- 28 shall prepare and submit a report to the General Assembly on the
- 29 <u>amount, purpose and recipients of program grant money awarded in</u>
- 30 the prior calendar year.

- 1 <u>Section 1507-K. Regulations.</u>
- 2 The department shall promulgate rules and regulations as it
- 3 deems necessary to effectuate the provisions of this article.
- 4 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 365 days.