



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1083

PRINTERS NO. 3865

PRIME SPONSOR: Sankey

INCREASE / (DECREASE)

FUND	FY 2019/20	FY 2020/21
General Fund	\$0	See Fiscal Impact
Tobacco Settlement Fund	\$0	\$326,052,000
Tobacco Revenue Bond Debt Service Account	\$0	\$115,337,000
Race Horse Development Fund	\$0	\$29,725,000
Other Special Funds	\$0	See Fiscal Impact

SUMMARY: House Bill 1083, printer’s number 3865, amends the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L. 343, No. 176), as amended, and known as The Fiscal Code, to repeal provisions relating to capital stock and franchise tax reports and payment of tax; provide for FY 2020-2021 budget implementation; and providing for other changes.

ANALYSIS and FISCAL IMPACT:

Article VII. Bonus and Tax Reports and Returns and Reports and Records Relating to Tax Collections

Section 707. Capital Stock and Franchise Tax Reports and Payment of Tax is repealed by the bill.

Fiscal Impact – The enactment of this provision will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds.

Article XVI-D.1. Financially Distressed Municipalities

(New) Section 1604-D.1 (Emergency plan extension)

Provides that a municipality operating pursuant to a recovery plan shall be eligible for an 18-month extension beyond the five-year period imposed by the act of July 10, 1987 (P.L. 246, No. 47) known as the Municipalities Financial Recovery Act.

Fiscal Impact – The enactment of this provision will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds.

Article XVI-E. Oil and Gas Wells

Section 1601.2-E (Oil and Gas Lease Fund)

The section is amended to specify that no amount shall be transferred in the 2020-2021 fiscal year from the Oil and Gas Lease Fund to the Marcellus Legacy Fund for distribution to the Environmental Stewardship Fund.

Fiscal Impact: In fiscal year 2018-19 \$20,000,000 had been transferred from the Oil and Gas Lease Fund for distribution to the Environmental Stewardship Fund. The transfer was suspended in fiscal year 2019-2020 and now 2020-2021.

Article XVI-M. Transportation Network Companies, Motor Carrier Companies and Parking Authority of a City of the First Class

Section 1606-M. (Transportation network company extension) is amended to extend the expiration date to December 31, 2022, for the assessment a transportation network company operating in a city of the first class shall pay to the parking authority. The assessment is equal to 1.4% of the gross receipts from the fares charged to passengers for prearranged rides that originate in the city.

Fiscal Impact – The enactment of this provision will have no impact on Commonwealth funds. The extension will continue to make available approximately \$7,000,000 in assessment revenues for distribution by the State Treasurer to the Philadelphia School District and the parking authority annually.

(New) Article XVI-O. Assessments

Section 1601-O. Managed Care Organization Assessment is added to The Fiscal Code to provide that notwithstanding any other provisions of law, the assessment on managed care organizations (MCO) authorized and implemented under Article VIII-I of the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L. 31, No. 21), known as the Human Services Code, shall continue and remain in effect until June 30, 2025. Beginning July 1, 2020, the fixed fee required under the section 803-I(b) of the Human Services Code shall be \$24.95 and remain in effect until June 30, 2025.

Fiscal Impact – Reauthorization of the MCO assessment will provide approximately \$1,700,000,000 in annual assessment revenues that will be used to support MCO payments through June 30, 2025.

Article XVII-A.1 Additional Special Funds and Restricted Accounts

Subarticle B: Tobacco Settlement Fund

The legislation amends sub-paragraph (a)(2)(ii) in Section 1712-A.1 to provide that by April 30 following the beginning of the fiscal year, an amount equal to the annual debt service due in the 2020-2021 fiscal year, as certified by the Secretary of the Budget, shall be transferred from cigarette tax revenues to the Tobacco Settlement Fund. Deposits under the paragraph shall occur prior to the deposits and transfers required under section 1296 of the Tax Reform Code of 1971.

The bill also provides for the following FY 2020-2021 distributions from the Tobacco Settlement Fund as follows:

- 4.5% for tobacco use prevention and cessation (\$14,672,000);
- 12.6% for health and related research pursuant to Section 906 of Tobacco Settlement Act (\$41,081,000);
- 1% for health and related research for section 909 of the Tobacco Settlement Act (\$3,261,000);
- 8.18% for uncompensated care (\$26,671,000);
- 30% for the purchase of Medicaid benefits for workers with disabilities (\$97,816,000); and
- 43.72% shall remain in the fund and be separately appropriated for health-related purposes (\$142,550,000).

Fiscal Impact: The enactment of the provision relating to cigarette tax revenue in the amount of \$115,337,000 will be transferred to the Tobacco Settlement Fund to offset the Tobacco Master Settlement payments that will be deposited in the Tobacco Revenue Bond Debt Service Account.

The percentage allocations for program funding results in appropriations from the Tobacco Settlement Fund for health-related programs in FY 2020-2021 of \$326,052,000.

Subarticle C: Distributions from PA Race Horse Development Fund

The bill updates statutory citations to provide 22 weekly transfers in fiscal year 2020-2021 from the PA Race Horse Development Fund to the PA Race Horse Development Restricted Receipt Account. Transfers would begin on September 1, 2020 and would be set at an amount necessary to provide \$19,659,000 by June 30, 2021. In addition, language is provided to require the department to transfer \$10,066,000 from the fund to the State Racing Fund for costs associated with the enforcement of

medication rules in horse racing. The authorization for the transfer of funds to cover the costs of enforcement of medication rules shall expire June 30, 2022.

Fiscal Impact: The enactment of these provisions will provide \$19,659,000 for agricultural-related programs and \$10,066,000 for enforcement of medication rules in horse racing for FY 2020-2021.

Article XVII-E. General Budget Implementation

Section 1706-E. Reports to General Assembly

The bill adds a paragraph to Section 1706-E to provide that the General Assembly or a local governmental body or agency may not enact or enforce a law, rule, regulation or ordinance imposing a tax on or relating to the use, disposition, sale, prohibition or restriction of single-use plastics, auxiliary containers, wrappings or polystyrene containers, until July 1, 2021, or 6 months after the order issued by the Governor on March 6, 2020, and any renewal of the state of disaster emergency (the Covid-19 disaster emergency), whichever is later.

Fiscal Impact: No adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds.

Subarticle B: Executive Departments

Section 1724.1-E. Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board

The legislation amends the budget implementation language of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board (PGCB) by adding a new subsection (c.1) relating to the sports wagering authorization fee. A Category 1, 2 or 3 slot machine licensee that is a sports wagering certificate holder and has paid the non-refundable sports wagering authorization fee, will be permitted to conduct sports wagering at an affiliate Category 4 licensed facility without paying any additional sports wagering authorization fee. For purposes of the new subsection, the term "affiliate" shall have the same meaning as that defined under 4 Pa.C.S. § 1103.

A subsection is also added by the bill to provide that within 90 days of the effective date of the subsection, the Gaming Control Board shall conduct an auction of any Category 4 slot machine license for which the board denied the application filed by the winning bidder of an initial auction. The auction shall be conducted according to the procedures under 4 Pa.C.S. § 1305.2(c).

Fiscal Impact: The enactment of these provisions will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds.

Section 1725-E. Department of Health

(a) Issuance of certificates of death – The bill updates the subsection by adding language to increase the maximum annual compensation for a local registrar from \$60,000 to \$85,000 and to exclude any fees received from death certificates issued after March 6, 2020 and during the duration of the proclamation of disaster emergency issued by the Governor on March 6, 2020 and any subsequent renewals.

Fiscal Impact: According to the Department of Health's website, as of April 17, 2020 there were 157 local registrars. If all local registrars earn the updated maximum annual compensation, the General Fund would lose \$3,925,000. There could be an additional General Fund revenue loss related to the exclusion of death certificate fees during the disaster declaration that cannot be quantified.

(New) (b) Medical Marijuana Grower/Processor permits - The legislation adds a subsection requiring that if a person holds a permit to operate as a medical marijuana grower/processor under the act of April 17, 2016 (P.L. 84, No. 16), known as the Medical Marijuana Act, and the permit is surrendered, revoked or otherwise forfeited because the permittee misrepresented information on its initial or renewal permit application, the Department of Health shall issue the grower/processor permit to the next most qualified applicant in the same region. The new provision shall not apply to grower/processor and dispensary permits issued to clinical registrants.

Fiscal Impact: No adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds.

Section 1748-E. State Employees' Retirement System

The bill adds a new subsection to provide the State Employees' Retirement Board with the authority to assess each employer an annual per-participant charge for the payment of administrative fees, costs and expenses of managing, investing and administering the State Employees' Defined Contribution Plan and Trust. The per-participant charge shall be in addition to the Board's authority to allocate proportionately the administrative fees, costs, and expenses of the SERS' Defined Contribution Plan charged against participants' individual investment accounts.

Fiscal Impact: The State Employees' Retirement System (SERS) reports that the current per-participant third party defined contribution plan administrator charge is \$59.50. Additionally, there are costs incurred by the SERS to administer the plan, including, but not limited to, personnel costs, information technology costs, contribution intake, and reporting costs. SERS anticipates that the employer per-participant charges will not be fully implemented until 2021-22.

Subarticle D. (Judicial Department)

Section 1795.1-E. (Surcharges)

The expiration date of December 31, 2020 for the additional \$10 surcharge on all court filing fees except traffic citations, imposed by section 1795.1.E(b)(1), is extended for a year to December 31, 2021.

Fiscal Impact: The continuation of the \$10 surcharge will provide approximately \$32,500,000 for the operation of the Judicial Department.

The \$11.25 surcharge currently imposed on all court filing fees except traffic citations is also extended for a year to December 31, 2021. The surcharge is currently authorized by Section 2802-E of the Administrative Code, which is being repealed, and re-codified in The Fiscal Code.

Fiscal Impact – The continuation of the surcharge will continue to provide approximately \$24,000,000 for the operation of the Judicial Department.

Two existing permanent fees are repealed from the Administrative Code (Section 2802-E) and are re-codified in The Fiscal Code:

- A \$2.50 fee deposited in the Criminal Justice Enhancement Account, and
- An additional fee of \$2.50 deposited in a restricted account in the General Fund for allocation to the Office of Attorney General to augment general government operations.

Fiscal Impact – The fee deposited in the Criminal Justice Enhancement Account generates approximately \$5,300,000 annually which is provided to counties to help fund the salaries of district attorneys. The fee deposited in the restricted General Fund account generates approximately \$5,300,000 to help fund the operations of the Office of Attorney General.

Subarticle E (Restrictions on Appropriations for Funds and Accounts)

Section 1798.3-E. (Multimodal Transportation Fund) - The definition of "municipality" is expanded to include local, regional, or metropolitan transportation authority, and shall apply to applications submitted on or after March 1, 2020. The date for which local match requirements for the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) Multimodal Transportation programs may be waived for good cause has been extended by a year to December 31, 2021.

Fiscal Impact: The enactment of these provisions will have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds or CFA programs.

Subarticle F. Other Agencies

Section 1799. 4-E. (Liquor Code terms)

The section is amended to modify the definition of commercial and mixed use overlay project as it relates to the Liquor Code to specify that includes an existing or proposed hotel with at least ninety rooms. Act 86 of 2019 initially defined commercial and mixed use overlay projects.

Fiscal Impact: The enactment of these provisions will have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds and could generate \$25,000 in surcharge revenue for the State Stores Fund for each restaurant liquor license that may be applied for in a commercial and mixed-use overlay project.

Article XVII-J
2020-2021 Budget Implementation

The legislation provides for funds to the following agencies/offices as follows:

Subarticle A: Preliminary Provisions

Section 1703-J. (Department of Criminal Justice)

Adds language to specify that for purposes of the General Appropriation Act of 2020, a reference to the Department of Criminal Justice shall be deemed to be a reference to the Department of Corrections, the Board of Probation or Parole, or both, as applicable.

Subarticle B: Executive Departments

Section 1712-L. (Executive Offices)

The following applies to appropriations for the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD):

- Funds for intermediate punishment treatment programs shall be awarded as competitive grants to counties. The portion dedicated to drug and alcohol and mental health treatment programs shall be based on national statistics that identify the percentage of incarcerated individuals that are in need of treatment for substance issues but shall be no less than 80% of the funds appropriated.
- No less than five-twelfths of the amounts used in FY 2019-2020 shall be used for the Statewide Automated Victim Information and Notification System (SAVIN) to provide offender information through county jails, a residential treatment program for at-risk youth, an innovative police data sharing pointer index system, and a diversion program for first time nonviolent offenders facing prison sentences.
- No less than five-twelfths of the amount used in FY 2019-2020 shall be used for violence and delinquency prevention programs in a second-class city, and for blueprint mentoring programs to reduce youth violence in cities of the first, second, and third class.

Section 1715-L. (Auditor General)

No less than five-twelfths of the amount used in the 2019-2020 fiscal year for special financial audits shall be used for the financial auditing of entities that receive funds through contracts with the Department of Human Services from money appropriated for Medical Assistance-Capitation, Medical Assistance-Community HealthChoices, Medical Assistance Long-term Care, Mental Health Services or Intellectual Disabilities – Community Waiver Program.

Section 1718-L. (Department of Agriculture)

- From funds appropriated for general government operations, no less than five-twelfths the amount transferred in FY 2019-2020 shall be transferred to the Dog Law Restricted Account.
- From funds appropriated for general government operations, no less than five-twelfths the amount used in FY 2019-2020 shall be used for the Commission of Agricultural Education Excellence to in development and implementation of agricultural education programs.
- Provides that \$416,667 shall be used for agricultural preparedness and response purposes as provided by legislation enacted by the General Assembly after the effective date of this clause.

- No less than five-twelfths of the money used in FY 2019-2020 for agricultural research shall be used for an agricultural resource center and agricultural law research programs, including those addressing energy development, in conjunction with a land-grant university.
- No less than five-twelfths of the funding from FY 2019-2020 for agriculture promotion, education, and exports shall be used for costs supporting the expansion of hemp farming, including program development, outreach, and education.
- No less than 80% of funds appropriated for hardwood research and promotion shall be equally distributed among hardwood utilization groups that were in existence prior to the effective date of the section.
- The department may use up to \$165,000 of the Agricultural Conservation Easement Purchase Fund to issue grants not to exceed \$5,000 for succession planning to ensure that agricultural operations continue on land subject to agricultural conservation easements. The department, in consultation with the State Agricultural Land Preservation Board, shall establish eligibility criteria for said grants.

Section 1719-L. (Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED))

- From funds appropriated for general government operations no less than five-twelfths of the amount used in 2019-2020 shall be used to support economic development initiatives related to the rehabilitation and marketing of commercial districts and to support manufacturing technology development.
- From money appropriated for marketing to attract tourists, \$1,695,000 is to fund activities of the tourism office within the department. The remaining money includes an allocation not to exceed five-twelfths of the amount allocated in FY 2019-2020 to be used to plan, market, and conduct a series of arts and cultural activities that generate regional and statewide economic impact, and an allocation of not less than five-twelfths the amount allocated in FY 2019-2020 shall be used for an annual statewide competition serving 2,000 athletes with intellectual disabilities across the Commonwealth.
- Funds appropriated for Keystone Communities to be distributed to the following:
 - \$2,649,000 shall be used for Main Street, Elm Street and Enterprise Zone programs.
 - No less than five-twelfths of the amount used in FY 2019-2020 for an anti-violence task force, in consultation with the Office of the Attorney General, in a county of a second-class A that is also a home rule county.
 - No less than five-twelfths of the funds used in FY 2019-2020 to establish a broadband expansion pilot program as a joint venture between two local development districts operating in the North Central and North Western regions of this Commonwealth.
 - The remaining money shall be used for projects supporting economic growth, community development and municipal assistance throughout the Commonwealth.
- Funds appropriated for local municipal relief will be used to provide State assistance to individuals, persons, or political subdivisions directly impacted by a natural or man-made disaster, public safety emergencies, or other situations that pose a public safety danger.
- The Commonwealth may use up to 3% of funds received pursuant to the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 for administrative costs related to Community Development Block Grant Program for Nonurban Counties and Certain Other Municipalities.

Section 1721-L. (Department of Corrections)

- Funds appropriated for general government operations shall be used in part for a nonnarcotic medication assisted substance abuse treatment grant program in an amount no less than five-twelfths the amount used in FY 2019-2020.

- An eligible offender for the purposes of any program relating to the non-narcotic medication assistance substance abuse pilot program is defined.

Section 1722-L. (Department of Education)

- From the appropriation for adult and family literacy programs, summer reading programs and the adult high school diplomas program, funds will be allocated for an after-school learning program for low-income students in an amount no less than five-twelfths the amount used in FY 2019-2020.
- Specifies that the per-student grant award for grants to be made from the Pre-K Counts appropriation shall be paid at the same rate as paid in FY 2019-2020.
- Allocates a portion of the funds appropriated for the Pennsylvania Charter Schools for the Deaf and Blind for capital-related costs and deferred maintenance to be divided equally between each school at five-twelfths the amount used in FY 2019-2020. Upon distribution of the final tuition payment for FY 2020-2021, the balance of the appropriation shall be used to pay the increased contributions for the public school employees' retirement.
- Inserts language concerning funds and payments for approved private schools.
- Provides for the use of funding for regional community college services in the amount equal to the amount received for FY 2019-2020 by each entity.
- Money appropriated for community education councils shall be distributed to the same entities in an equal amount to amounts received in FY 2019-2020.
- Maintains the Commonwealth's elimination of payments for Social Security, Medicare, and required contributions for public school employees' retirement to charter, regional charter and cyber charter schools.

Section 1724-L. (Department of General Services)

- Requires the City of Harrisburg to use funds appropriated for Capitol fire protection to support fire services to the Capitol complex.

Section 1725-L. (Department of Health)

- Ensures that the department continues to coordinate donated dental care services and provides funds for outreach for Charcot-Marie-Tooth Syndrome at no less than five-twelfths the amount used in FY 2019-2020.
- Provides funds at no less than five-twelfths the amount used in FY 2019-2020 for Type 1 diabetes awareness, education and outreach.
- Requires that funds for adult cystic fibrosis and other chronic respiratory illnesses include funds to be used for research at no less than five-twelfths the amount used in FY 2019-2020.
- Directs a portion of funds appropriated for Lyme disease be used for free tick testing for Pennsylvania residents at no less than the five-twelfths the amount used in FY 2019-2020.
- Provides that funds appropriated for lupus will be distributed proportionately to each entity that received funding in 2018-2019.
- Provides for the use of funds for biotechnology research.
- Specifies that funds provided for leukemia and lymphoma be distributed to a branch of an eastern Pennsylvania chapter of a non-profit dedicated to awareness, education, patient assistance, and outreach related to blood cancer at an amount no less than five-twelfths the amount used in FY 2019-2020.
- Funds appropriated for hemophilia services, sickle cell anemia services, adult cystic fibrosis, diagnosis and treatment of Cooley's anemia, and services for children with special needs shall all be distributed to grantees in the same proportion as distributed in FY 2019-2020.

Section 1727-L. (Department of Labor and Industry)

- A portion of the funds appropriated for industry partnerships will be allocated for workforce development for veterans at no less than five-twelfths the amount used in FY 2019-2020.

Section 1729-L. (Department of Human Services)

Mental health services

- Funds appropriated will be used for the continuation and maintenance of the existing network of web portals that provide comprehensive services and support for those with mental health and substance abuse issues, and expansion to include resources for military veterans and their families, and for a pediatric mental health hospital and an adolescent residential treatment program at amounts no less than five-twelfths the amount used in FY 2019-2020.

Medical assistance (MA)

- For FY 2020-2021, payments to Community Access shall be distributed under same formulas as FY 2014-2015, or if insufficient funds are available, on a pro rata basis.
- Amounts allocated from funds for fee-for service for the Select Plan for Women Preventative Health Services shall be used for women's medical services, including noninvasive contraceptive supplies.
- Separate MA payments shall be made for general hospital stays for healthy newborns and mothers' obstetrical care.
- Provides for distributions from fee-for-service care for treatment of cleft palates and other craniofacial abnormalities, clinical ophthalmologic services, improvements at an acute care hospital, to a hospital in a city of the third class in a home rule county, to a university to expand research and treatment protocols for combating opioid addiction, to an acute care hospital for a regional breast cancer center, and an enrolled therapy service provider providing behavioral health and medical rehabilitation pediatric outpatient services at amounts that are no less than five-twelfths of amounts provided in FY 2019-2020.
- MA Capitation includes funding for the treatment of depression in older Pennsylvanians at no less than five twelfths the amount used in FY 2019-2020.
- Provides for funds in long-term care, at no less than five-twelfths the amount used in FY 2019-2020, for a nonpublic nursing home with more than 395 beds and a Medicaid acuity at 1.17 and a nonpublic nursing home with more than 119 beds and a Medicaid acuity at 1.09.
- Provides funds in long-term care to be allocated, at an amount no less than five -twelfths the amount used in FY 2019-2020, to a special rehabilitation facility in Peer Group Number 13 and to nursing facilities that qualified for supplemental ventilator care and tracheostomy care in FY 2014-2015, with a percentage of medical assistance recipient residents who required medically necessary ventilator care or tracheostomy care greater than 90%.
- Funds appropriated, but not used by Level III trauma centers shall, be used to make payments to Level I and II trauma centers.
- Provides for the allocation of funds to qualifying university-affiliated physician practice plans and qualifying academic medical centers at no less than five-twelfths the amounts received for FY 2019-2020.
- Funds for medical assistance transportation shall only be utilized as payments of last resort for transportation for eligible medical assistance recipients.
- Subject to federal approval of necessary amendments to the Title XIX State Plan, \$16,000,000 of appropriated funds for long-term care is allocated to medical assistance day-one incentive payments to qualified nonpublic nursing facilities.

Breast cancer screening

- Permits funds for breast cancer screening to be used for women's medical service including noninvasive contraception supplies.

Women's service programs

- Agencies whose primary function is to promote childbirth and to provide alternatives to abortion may expend funds to provide services to women until childbirth and for up to 12 months thereafter.
 - Allows agencies to subcontract with nonprofits.
 - Prohibits referral for abortion.
- Federal funds for alternatives to abortion shall be utilized solely for women whose gross family income is below 185% of Federal poverty guidelines.

Autism Intervention and Services

- Provides for the distribution of funds to providers that participate in the State's Autism Program at no less than five-twelfths the amount used in FY 2019-2020.

Community Based Family Centers

- No funds appropriated for community-based family centers may be part of the base for calculation of county child welfare needs-based budget for a fiscal year.

Statewide 2-1-1 system

- From funds appropriated for a statewide 2-1-1 system services, no less than five-twelfths of the amount used in FY 2019-2020 shall be used for a Statewide 2-1-1 System Grant Program.

Services for the Visually Impaired

- The appropriation includes an allocation for a statewide professional service provider association for the blind to provide training and supportive services for individuals who are blind and preschool vision screenings and eye safety education, and an allocation to provide specialized services and the prevention of blindness services at amounts no less than five-twelfths of the amounts provided in FY 2019-2020.

Medical Assistance for Workers with Disabilities (MAWD)

- Permits the department to adjust premiums with federal approval.

Illegal aliens

- References certain provisions of Federal law relating to who can receive services and reporting duties of providers in dealing with illegal aliens.

PA WorkWear

- Provides that grantees who operated within the PA WorkWear program in FY 2019-2020 shall be offered a fiscal year 2020-2021 grant to continue service delivery under similar terms as previous PA WorkWear grants.

Section 1732-L. (Department of Transportation)

Directs funds appropriated for infrastructure projects be allocated for capital equipment for a rural transit service that provides intercity line-run service with at least six different line-runs at an amount not less than five-twelfths of the amount used in FY 2019-2020.

Section 1735-L. (Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency)

- Money appropriated for search and rescue programs will be used to support programs related to training working service dogs focusing on rescue and public safety.
- Directs a portion of funds appropriated for the State Fire Commissioner to be used to fund a Statewide recruitment and retention coordinator and regional technical advisors to develop and implement recruitment and retention training programs and provide technical assistance to local governments.

Section 1738-J. (Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency)

- PHEAA shall allocate no less than the amount allocated in FY 2019-2020 from the Higher Education Assistance Fund for the Cheyney University Keystone Academy.

- From funds appropriated for payment of education assistance grants, no less than the amount allocated in FY 2019-2020 shall be allocated to a state-owned university located in Tioga County for merit scholarships.

Article XVII-K 2019-2020 Restrictions on Appropriations for Funds and Accounts

Section 1702-M (State Lottery Fund)

Money appropriated for PENNCARE shall not be utilized for administrative costs by the Department of Aging.

Section 1726-M. (Fund Transfers)

- Provides a transfer of \$49,762,000 to the School Safety and Security Fund from the 2019-2020 appropriation to the Department of Education for COVID- ESSER – SEA.
- A transfer of personal income tax funds in the amount \$13,782,000 shall be made to the Environmental Stewardship Fund.
- In the event the Secretary of the Budget determines the May 19, 2020, revised certification under section 503 of the Taxpayer Relief Act (relating to Gaming revenue in the Property Tax Relief Fund) is insufficient to generate \$621,000,000 for Statewide property tax relief, the Secretary of the Budget is authorized to transfer up to \$300,000,000 from the COVID-19 Response Restricted Account to the Property Tax Relief Fund. If the Secretary determines a transfer is necessary, the Secretary shall issue a revised certification under section 503. Any amount transferred from the COVID-19 Response Restricted Account by the Secretary is appropriated to the Department of Education for distribution to school districts in combination with other funds available for property tax relief.

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