SUMMARY: House Bill 2418, printer’s number 3580, amends the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L. 177, No. 175), known as The Administrative Code by adding an article to provide for COVID-19 debt cost reduction review.

ANALYSIS: The legislation adds a new article (proposed as Article XXI-C) to require the Treasury Department, in conjunction with the Secretary of the Budget, the Auditor General and any chairperson of an authority, commission, agency, board or other state-authorized entity that has the power to issue debt, to identify and review all outstanding debt obligations of the Commonwealth and identify options for the refinancing of outstanding debt obligations to reduce costs. The Treasury Department and the aforementioned entities shall submit a report of its findings in this regard to the General Assembly by June 30, 2020.

The new article would be effective immediately.

FISCAL IMPACT: The addition of Article XXI-C will have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds and may result in cost savings for the Commonwealth to the extent that debt refinancing opportunities are identified and executed resulting in lower debt service costs in future years.

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