
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY COLEMAN AND DUSH, MAY 3, 2023

REFERRED TO FINANCE, MAY 3, 2023

A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to
2 conduct a performance audit of the Neighborhood Improvement
3 Zone and Allentown Neighborhood Improvement Zone Development
4 Authority programs administered by the Department of Revenue.

5 WHEREAS, Act 50 of 2009 added Article XVI-B to the act of
6 April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as the Fiscal Code,
7 (enabling act) and created a neighborhood improvement zone (NIZ)
8 in a city of the third class with a population of at least
9 106,000 and not more than 107,000, based on the 2000 Federal
10 decennial census; and

11 WHEREAS, The enabling act created a contracting authority
12 which was able to designate a NIZ of not greater than 130 acres
13 in the city, as well as construct a stadium, arena or other
14 structure owned or leased by a professional sports organization;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, The enabling act directed that the Neighborhood
17 Improvement Zone Fund be established and that the Department of
18 Revenue provide certain tax revenues, that would otherwise be
19 collected and retained by the Department of Revenue for the

1 benefit of the Commonwealth, to the Neighborhood Improvement
2 Zone Fund; and

3 WHEREAS, The enabling act provided that the duration of the
4 NIZ would be in effect for a period equal to the length of time
5 of the bonds that are initially issued; and

6 WHEREAS, The act was later amended to extend the duration of
7 the NIZ to be in effect for a period equal to one year following
8 retirement of all bonds issued to finance or refinance the
9 improvement and development of the NIZ or the construction of
10 the facility or the facility complex; and

11 WHEREAS, The City of Allentown in Lehigh County was approved
12 to create a NIZ within the city; and

13 WHEREAS, Pursuant to Article XIX-B of the act of March 4,
14 1971, (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971,
15 \$87,336,694.03 in General Fund revenue was attributable to the
16 NIZ for program year 2022, according to the Department of
17 Revenue; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the Senate direct the Legislative Budget and
19 Finance Committee to conduct a performance audit of the
20 Neighborhood Improvement Zone and the Allentown Neighborhood
21 Improvement Zone Development Authority programs administered by
22 the Department of Revenue:

23 (1) To determine the effectiveness of the Neighborhood
24 Improvement Zone and Allentown Neighborhood Improvement Zone
25 Development Authority in benefiting the economic development
26 of the Commonwealth, city and county.

27 (2) To operate within the requirements established by
28 Article XIX-B of the Tax Reform Code of 1971.

29 (3) To ensure that the tax revenues considered as
30 attributable to the Neighborhood Improvement Zone are related

1 to activities taking place therein.

2 (4) To evaluate the tax revenues collected within the
3 Neighborhood Improvement Zone, including, but not limited to,
4 employer withholding, employer compensation, sales and use,
5 corporate net income, bank share, realty transfer, cigarette,
6 other tobacco and liquor;

7 and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee
9 report its findings and recommendations to the chair and
10 minority chair of the Appropriations Committee of the Senate
11 within six months of the adoption of this resolution.