

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## SENATE BILL

No. 1224 Session of  
1975

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SENATOR CIANFRANI, APPROPRIATION, RE-REPORTED AS AMENDED,  
MARCH 15, 1976

## AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 31, 1937 (P.L.160, No.43), entitled  
2 "An act creating a commission to be known as the Pennsylvania  
3 Public Utility Commission; defining in part the powers and  
4 duties of such commission; abolishing The Public Service  
5 Commission of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, terminating  
6 the terms of the members thereof, and transferring to the  
7 Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission the records, employes,  
8 property, and equipment of The Public Service Commission of  
9 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; authorizing the  
10 Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission to appear in and  
11 complete all pending proceedings, legal or otherwise,  
12 instituted before, by or against The Public Service  
13 Commission of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; providing  
14 that all certificates of public convenience, contracts,  
15 orders, and rules and regulations of the latter commission  
16 shall remain effective until repealed, changed or modified by  
17 the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, and transferring  
18 and appropriating to the Pennsylvania Public Utility  
19 Commission any unexpended balance of any existing  
20 appropriation to The Public Service Commission of the  
21 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania," further providing for the age  
22 of members of the Public Utility Commission and making an  
23 appropriation for an educational study.

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

26 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 1, act of March 31,  
27 1937 (P.L.160, No.43), entitled "An act creating a commission to

1 be known as the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission; defining  
2 in part the powers and duties of such commission; abolishing The  
3 Public Service Commission of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,  
4 terminating the terms of the members thereof, and transferring  
5 to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission the records,  
6 employes, property, and equipment of The Public Service  
7 Commission of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; authorizing the  
8 Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission to appear in and complete  
9 all pending proceedings, legal or otherwise, instituted before,  
10 by or against The Public Service Commission of the Commonwealth  
11 of Pennsylvania; providing that all certificates of public  
12 convenience, contracts, orders, and rules and regulations of the  
13 latter commission shall remain effective until repealed, changed  
14 or modified by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, and  
15 transferring and appropriating to the Pennsylvania Public  
16 Utility Commission any unexpended balance of any existing  
17 appropriation to The Public Service Commission of the  
18 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania," amended March 31, 1943 (P.L.32,  
19 No.17) is amended to read:

20       Section 1. (a) A commission to be known as the Pennsylvania  
21 Public Utility Commission is hereby created. The commission  
22 shall consist of five members who shall be appointed by the  
23 Governor, by and with the advice and consent of two-thirds of  
24 all the members of the Senate. The commissioners first appointed  
25 under this act, shall continue in office for terms of two, four,  
26 six, eight, and ten years, respectively, from the effective date  
27 of this act, but their successors shall each be appointed for a  
28 term of ten years. No commissioner, upon the expiration of his  
29 term as aforesaid, shall continue to hold office until his  
30 successor shall be duly appointed or shall be qualified. Each

1 commissioner, at the time of his appointment and qualification,  
2 shall be a resident of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and  
3 shall have been a qualified elector therein for a period of at  
4 least one year next preceding his appointment. [, and shall also  
5 be not less than thirty years of age.]

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7 Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

8 Section 12.1. (a) ~~The sum of fifty thousand dollars~~ <—  
9 ~~(\$50,000), or as much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby~~  
10 ~~specifically appropriated to~~ The Public Utility Commission SHALL <—  
11 SET ASIDE THE SUM OF FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS(\$50,000) FROM ITS  
12 ANNUAL BUDGET for the fiscal year 1976-1977 for the purpose of  
13 funding a research study to design and develop a curriculum for  
14 the education and continuing education of the employes and  
15 prospective employes of the Public Utility Commission in  
16 appropriate areas of utility regulation.  
17 (b) The Public Utility Commission shall be responsible for  
18 final approval of this study and the implementation thereof. The  
19 resulting educational program shall be funded by the Public  
20 Utility Commission.