
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATOR TILGHMAN, APPROPRIATIONS, IN SENATE, RE-REPORTED AS
AMENDED, JULY 2, 1987

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), entitled,
2 as amended, "An act relating to the finances of the State
3 government; providing for the settlement, assessment,
4 collection, and lien of taxes, bonus, and all other accounts
5 due the Commonwealth, the collection and recovery of fees and
6 other money or property due or belonging to the Commonwealth,
7 or any agency thereof, including escheated property and the
8 proceeds of its sale, the custody and disbursement or other
9 disposition of funds and securities belonging to or in the
10 possession of the Commonwealth, and the settlement of claims
11 against the Commonwealth, the resettlement of accounts and
12 appeals to the courts, refunds of moneys erroneously paid to
13 the Commonwealth, auditing the accounts of the Commonwealth
14 and all agencies thereof, of all public officers collecting
15 moneys payable to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof,
16 and all receipts of appropriations from the Commonwealth,
17 authorizing the Commonwealth to issue tax anticipation notes
18 to defray current expenses, implementing the provisions of
19 section 7(a) of Article VIII of the Constitution of
20 Pennsylvania authorizing and restricting the incurring of
21 certain debt and imposing penalties; affecting every
22 department, board, commission, and officer of the State
23 government, every political subdivision of the State, and
24 certain officers of such subdivisions, every person,
25 association, and corporation required to pay, assess, or
26 collect taxes, or to make returns or reports under the laws
27 imposing taxes for State purposes, or to pay license fees or
28 other moneys to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof,
29 every State depository and every debtor or creditor of the
30 Commonwealth," further providing for what may constitute a
31 Redevelopment Assistance Capital Project and for the

1 Redevelopment Assistance Sinking Fund.

2 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
3 hereby enacts as follows:

4 Section 1. The definition of "Redevelopment Assistance
5 Capital Project" in section 1602-B and section 1616.1-B of the
6 act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal
7 Code, added July 10, 1986 (P.L.1261, No.115), are amended to
8 read:

9 Section 1602-B. Definitions.--As used in this article--

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11 "Redevelopment Assistance Capital Project" shall mean the
12 design and construction of facilities which (i) are facilities
13 other than housing units, highways, bridges, waste disposal
14 facilities, sewage systems or facilities, or water systems or
15 facilities, and are projects which cannot obtain funding under
16 other State or Federal programs; (ii) are economic development
17 projects which generate substantial increases in employment, tax
18 revenues or other measures of economic activity; (iii) are
19 facilities which have a regional or multijurisdictional impact;
20 (iv) are eligible for tax-exempt bond funding under existing
21 Federal law or under Federal H.R.3838 of 1985, which shall be
22 known as the Tax Reform Act of 1985 if it is enacted; (v) have a
23 fifty per centum non-State participation, of which the only
24 noncash non-State participation permitted is land donation and
25 toward which State funds from other programs may not be used;
26 and (vi) have a total project cost of five million dollars
27 (\$5,000,000) or more[.], ~~provided, however, that the five~~ <—
28 ~~million dollar (\$5,000,000) project cost requirement shall not~~
29 ~~apply to those projects which are located EXCEPT THAT SUCH~~ <—
30 PROJECTS in municipalities designated as "financially

1 disadvantaged municipalities" under the provisions of the act of
2 July 9, 1986 (P.L.1223, No.110), known as the "Financially
3 Disadvantaged Municipalities Matching Assistance Act." ACT," ←
4 SHALL HAVE A TOTAL PROJECT COST OF ONE MILLION DOLLARS
5 (\$1,000,000) OR MORE.

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7 Section 1616.1-B. Redevelopment Assistance Sinking Fund.--

8 (a) There is hereby established within the Capital Facilities
9 Fund a sinking fund, to be known as the Redevelopment Assistance
10 Sinking Fund, for the purpose of making principal and interest
11 payments on bonds issued for redevelopment assistance projects
12 authorized in this article.

13 (b) Each year an amount shall be deposited into the
14 Redevelopment Assistance Sinking Fund sufficient to meet the
15 debt service requirements during that fiscal year on
16 redevelopment assistance bonds, but such amount shall not exceed
17 the first [thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000)] forty million
18 dollars (\$40,000,000) of realty transfer tax revenue credited to
19 a fiscal year. Deposits shall be made into the sinking fund each
20 year pursuant to this section until all redevelopment assistance
21 bonds issued are retired. Any surplus funds in the sinking fund
22 at the time all such bonds are retired shall be transferred into
23 the General Fund at the close of the fiscal year in which the
24 last bond is retired.

25 (c) The amount of additional bonds which may be issued in
26 any year for redevelopment assistance projects for which payment
27 is to be made from the Redevelopment Assistance Sinking Fund
28 shall not cause the amount of redevelopment assistance bonds
29 outstanding to increase to the level that required principal and
30 interest payments to be made from the sinking fund would exceed

1 the amount available in the sinking fund for such payments in
2 the fiscal year.

3 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.