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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

No. 31

Session of  
2005

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INTRODUCED BY WAGNER, STOUT, C. WILLIAMS, LOGAN, COSTA AND  
KITCHEN, JANUARY 13, 2005

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REFERRED TO APPROPRIATIONS, JANUARY 13, 2005

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled  
2 "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the  
3 executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the  
4 Executive Department thereof and the administrative  
5 departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof,  
6 including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or  
7 Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or  
8 authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative  
9 departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and  
10 duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative  
11 officers, and of the several administrative departments,  
12 boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the  
13 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive  
14 and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of  
15 certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and  
16 other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards,  
17 and commissions; and prescribing the manner in which the  
18 number and compensation of the deputies and all other  
19 assistants and employes of certain departments, boards and  
20 commissions shall be determined," providing for budget  
21 hearings.

22 The General Assembly finds and declares as follows:

23 The budget is one of the most important bills that the  
24 General Assembly passes each year, and as the budget directly  
25 affects the operation and interests of each department and  
26 agency in this Commonwealth, timely input from those departments  
27 and agencies is crucial to ensure passage of a fair and just

1 budget.

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

4 Section 1. The act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known  
5 as The Administrative Code of 1929, is amended by adding a  
6 section to read:

7 Section 613.1. Budget Hearings.--Each administrative  
8 department shall be afforded the opportunity to present  
9 testimony regarding actual or estimated expenditures by the  
10 administrative department or agency at a public hearing to be  
11 conducted in the Senate by the Appropriations Committee of the  
12 Senate and in the House of Representatives by the Appropriations  
13 Committee of the House of Representatives. Public hearings shall  
14 be scheduled during the weeks immediately following the delivery  
15 of the Governor's budget address. Hearings shall be held prior  
16 to final passage of the budget.

17 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.