

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 159 Session of  
2006

INTRODUCED BY BRIGHTBILL, MAY 1, 2006

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, MAY 1, 2006

## A RESOLUTION

1 Adopting a temporary rule of the Senate relating solely to  
2 amendments to the General Appropriation Bill and other  
3 appropriation bills for the fiscal year beginning July 1,  
4 2006, including any amendments offered to or for supplemental  
5 appropriations for prior fiscal years.

6 RESOLVED, That the Senate adopt a temporary rule to read:

### 7 TEMPORARY RULE

8 1. Any amendment offered on the floor of the Senate to the  
9 General Appropriation Bill or other General Fund or special fund  
10 appropriation bills (which collectively comprise and shall be  
11 referred to as the 2006-2007 Budget) that proposes increased  
12 spending from the General Fund or any special fund for the  
13 Commonwealth 2006-2007 fiscal year, or any prior fiscal year,  
14 above the levels contained in the 2006-2007 Budget as reported  
15 from the Appropriations Committee shall not be in order and may  
16 not be considered unless the same amendment, or any "statement  
17 of intent" appended thereto, contains sufficient line-item  
18 reductions to the 2006-2007 Budget so that the amendment offered  
19 does not result in a net increase in the total spending from the

1 General Fund or any special fund contained within such budget.  
2 Where a proposed alteration in the General Appropriation Bill is  
3 balanced, in whole or in part, by a change in other  
4 appropriation bills, the amendment shall have appended thereto a  
5 "statement of intent" setting forth the proposed adjustment to  
6 the other appropriation bill or bills that will result in there  
7 being no net increase in the total spending from the General  
8 Fund or any special fund contained within the 2006-2007 Budget  
9 as reported from the Appropriations Committee.

10 2. For the purpose of this temporary rule, the Legislative  
11 Reference Bureau, in drafting any amendment to the General  
12 Appropriation Bill or any other appropriation bill, shall append  
13 the "statement of intent" required for a proposal which involves  
14 more than one bill.

15 3. Any amendment offered on the floor of the Senate  
16 proposing to make reductions in the following appropriations  
17 shall be out of order:

- 18 (a) Debt service.
- 19 (b) School employees' Social Security.
- 20 (c) Harristown rentals.
- 21 (d) Occupational disease payments.
- 22 (e) Long-term care.

23 4. Any amendment offered on the floor of the Senate  
24 proposing to make reductions in the following appropriations  
25 shall be out of order unless such amendment includes a program  
26 revision not contrary to statutes governing such program:

- 27 (a) Cash assistance grants.
- 28 (b) Medical assistance outpatient.
- 29 (c) Medical assistance inpatient.
- 30 (d) Medical assistance capitation.

1       (e) Supplemental Security Income - aged, blind, disabled.

2       (f) Each appropriation to the Department of Corrections.

3       5. This temporary rule may be temporarily suspended only by  
4 a vote of the majority of the members elected to the Senate.

5       6. This temporary rule shall expire upon the enactment of a  
6 General Appropriation Act for the fiscal year beginning July 1,  
7 2006.