

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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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," further providing for the
21 powers and duties of the Auditor General; and repealing
22 provisions relating to the Legislative Audit Advisory
23 Commission.

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

26 Section 1. Section 706 of the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177,
27 No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, is amended by
28 adding a subsection to read:

1 Section 706. Auditor General.--* * *

2 (e) The Auditor General shall annually audit the financial
3 affairs of the unified judicial system and the General Assembly
4 and its legislative service agencies using generally accepted
5 government auditing standards. The accounts and books of the
6 unified judicial system, the General Assembly and legislative
7 service agencies, including all receipts, disbursements,
8 contracts, investments and other matters relating to their
9 finances, operation and affairs shall be examined. The Auditor
10 General may recommend measures for the improvement of
11 preauditing and postauditing of the financial affairs of the
12 unified judicial system and the General Assembly and its
13 legislative service agencies. The Auditor General, the Supreme
14 Court and the General Assembly shall provide free access to the
15 audits on their respective Internet websites.

16 Section 2. Repeals are as follows:

17 (1) The General Assembly declares that the repeal under
18 paragraph (2) is necessary to effectuate the amendment of
19 section 706 of the act.

20 (2) The act of June 30, 1970 (P.L.442, No.151),
21 entitled, "An act implementing the provisions of Article
22 VIII, section 10 of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, by
23 designating the Commonwealth officers who shall be charged
24 with the function of auditing the financial transactions
25 after the occurrence thereof of the Legislative and Judicial
26 branches of the government of the Commonwealth, establishing
27 a Legislative Audit Advisory Commission, and imposing certain
28 powers and duties on such commission," is repealed.

29 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.