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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON URBAN AFFAIRS, DECEMBER 20, 2011

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 10, 1987 (P.L.246, No.47), entitled "An  
2 act empowering the Department of Community Affairs to declare  
3 certain municipalities as financially distressed; providing  
4 for the restructuring of debt of financially distressed  
5 municipalities; limiting the ability of financially  
6 distressed municipalities to obtain government funding;  
7 authorizing municipalities to participate in Federal debt  
8 adjustment actions and bankruptcy actions under certain  
9 circumstances; and providing for consolidation or merger of  
10 contiguous municipalities to relieve financial distress,"  
11 defining "arbitration settlement."

12 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
13 hereby enacts as follows:

14 Section 1. Section 103 of the act of July 10, 1987 (P.L.246,  
15 No.47), known as the Municipalities Financial Recovery Act, is  
16 amended by adding a definition to read:

17 Section 103. Definitions.

18 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall  
19 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
20 context clearly indicates otherwise:

21 "Arbitration settlement." Adjustment or settlement of a  
22 collective bargaining grievance or dispute. The term includes an

1 arbitration award or other determination.

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3 Section 2. The addition of the definition of "arbitration  
4 settlement" in section 103 of the act shall apply retroactively  
5 to September 8, 1987.

6 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.