

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 276 Session of 2011

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SENATOR EARLL, COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, AS AMENDED, JUNE 13, 2011

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 22, 2000 (P.L.318, No.32), entitled "An
2 act encouraging State agencies to locate facilities in a
3 downtown area; and providing for report to General Assembly,"
4 further providing for powers and duties of the Department of
5 General Services.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. Section 4(a) of the act of June 22, 2000
9 (P.L.318, No.32), known as the Downtown Location Law, is amended
10 and the section is amended by adding ~~subsections~~ A SUBSECTION to ←
11 read:

12 Section 4. Powers and duties.

13 (a) Guidelines.--The department shall establish guidelines
14 to encourage State agencies to locate all new office facilities
15 in downtown areas. The guidelines shall include consideration of
16 the following factors:

- 17 (1) The requirements of the agency.
- 18 (2) Servicing clientele needs.
- 19 (3) Local economic considerations.

1 (4) The availability of suitable space in a downtown
2 area.

3 (5) Competitiveness in the marketplace.

4 (6) Cost to the Commonwealth.

5 (7) Safety to persons using the office facility.

6 (8) The availability of public transportation.

7 (9) Compatibility with the economic revitalization plan
8 for the downtown area.

9 (10) Local zoning ordinances.

10 ~~(a.1) Denial of requests. The department shall deny a~~ ←
11 ~~request by a State agency to locate outside a downtown area~~
12 ~~unless a majority of the factors specified in subsection (a) are~~
13 ~~found to be unsatisfactory to the agencies' needs or facility~~
14 ~~requirements cannot be met by locating in a downtown area.~~

15 (a.2) (A.1) Coordination.--The department shall also ←
16 coordinate projects with existing public and private sector
17 organizations committed to community, downtown revitalization
18 and historic preservation. The coordination shall include
19 seeking a recommendation from the identified downtown
20 revitalization or historic preservation organization as to
21 whether, in its opinion, the needs of the agency could be met
22 based on the factors specified in subsection (a).

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24 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.