
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 100 Session of
2011

INTRODUCED BY PILEGGI, MAY 2, 2011

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, MAY 2, 2011

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 2011, 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 I. Budget Amendments on Senate Floor

9 1. Floor amendments to the General Appropriation Bill or
10 other General Fund or special fund appropriation bills for the
11 fiscal year commencing July 1, 2011, or for any prior fiscal
12 year, shall be in order on second consideration only.

13 2. Any amendment offered on the floor of the Senate to the
14 General Appropriation Bill or other General Fund or special fund
15 appropriation bills (which collectively comprise and shall be
16 referred to as the 2011-2012 Budget) that proposes spending from
17 the General Fund or any special fund for the Commonwealth
18 2011-2012 fiscal year, or any prior fiscal year, at a level
19 different from the amount contained in the 2011-2012 Budget as
20 reported from the Appropriations Committee shall not be in order

1 and may not be considered unless the same amendment, or any
2 "statement of intent" appended thereto, contains sufficient
3 line-item reductions to the 2011-2012 Budget so that the
4 amendment offered does not result in a net increase in the total
5 spending from the General Fund or any special fund contained
6 within such budget. Where a proposed alteration in the General
7 Appropriation Bill is balanced, in whole or in part, by a change
8 in other appropriation bills, the amendment shall have appended
9 thereto a "statement of intent" setting forth the proposed
10 adjustment to the other appropriation bill or bills that will
11 result in there being no net increase in the total spending from
12 the General Fund or any special fund contained within the
13 2011-2012 Budget as reported from the Appropriations Committee.

14 3. For the purpose of this temporary rule, the Legislative
15 Reference Bureau, in drafting any amendment to the General
16 Appropriation Bill or any other appropriation bill, shall append
17 the "statement of intent" required for a proposal which involves
18 more than one bill.

19 4. Any amendment offered on the floor of the Senate
20 proposing to make reductions in the following appropriations
21 shall be out of order:

- 22 (a) Debt service.
- 23 (b) Transfer to Commonwealth Financing Agency.
- 24 (c) School employees' retirement.
- 25 (d) School employees' Social Security.
- 26 (e) Harristown rentals.
- 27 (f) Occupational disease payments.

28 5. Any amendment offered on the floor of the Senate
29 proposing to make reductions in the following appropriations
30 shall be out of order unless such amendment includes a program

1 revision not contrary to statutes governing such program:

- 2 (a) Cash assistance grants.
- 3 (b) Medical assistance outpatient.
- 4 (c) Medical assistance inpatient.
- 5 (d) Medical assistance capitation.
- 6 (e) Long-term care.
- 7 (f) Supplemental Security Income - aged, blind, disabled.

8 II. Amendments in Appropriations Committee

9 1. Any amendment offered in the Appropriations Committee to
10 the General Appropriation Bill that would increase total
11 authorized spending for the Commonwealth 2011-2012 fiscal year
12 or any prior fiscal year above the spending levels contained in
13 the General Appropriation Bill shall not be in order and may not
14 be considered unless the same amendment contains sufficient
15 reductions in line items in the General Appropriation Bill that
16 the amendment does not result in a net increase in the total
17 spending.

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7 III. Suspension

8 This temporary rule may be temporarily suspended only by a
9 vote of the majority of the members elected to the Senate.

10 IV. Expiration

11 This temporary rule shall expire upon the enactment of a
12 General Appropriation Act for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
13 2011.