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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, FEBRUARY 11, 2013

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of February 9, 1999 (P.L.1, No.1), entitled "An  
2 act providing for borrowing for capital facilities;  
3 conferring powers and duties on various administrative  
4 agencies and officers; making appropriations; and making  
5 repeals," further providing for reports related to  
6 redevelopment assistance capital projects and for funding and  
7 administration of redevelopment assistance capital projects.

8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
9 hereby enacts as follows:

10 Section 1. Section 313.1 of the act of February 9, 1999  
11 (P.L.1, No.1), known as the Capital Facilities Debt Enabling  
12 Act, added December 22, 2005 (P.L.454, No.87), is amended to  
13 read:

14 Section 313.1. Reports related to redevelopment assistance  
15 capital projects.

16 (a) Quarterly report.--The Secretary of the Budget shall,  
17 within ten days of the expiration of each quarter of each fiscal  
18 year, provide to the Governor, Auditor General, chairman and  
19 minority chairman of the Appropriations Committee of the Senate

1 and the chairman and minority chairman of the Appropriations  
2 Committee of the House of Representatives a report relating to  
3 redevelopment assistance capital projects which addresses at  
4 least all of the following materials:

5 (1) An itemized list of the redevelopment assistance  
6 capital projects approved for release and construction in the  
7 preceding quarter.

8 (2) An estimate of the amount of funds remaining under  
9 the cap provided in section 317(b).

10 (3) An estimate of the total amount of outstanding debt  
11 related to redevelopment assistance capital projects.

12 (4) An estimate of the amount of outstanding debt  
13 related to redevelopment assistance capital projects which  
14 will be paid or refinanced in the succeeding four quarters.

15 (b) Five-year report.--The Secretary of the Budget shall,  
16 every five years, or at the request of the Governor or Auditor  
17 General, provide to the Governor, Auditor General, chairman and  
18 minority chairman of the Appropriations Committee of the Senate  
19 and the chairman and minority chairman of the Appropriations  
20 Committee of the House of Representatives a report relating to  
21 redevelopment assistance capital projects that addresses at  
22 least all of the following materials:

23 (1) An itemized list of the redevelopment assistance  
24 capital projects approved for release and construction in the  
25 preceding five years.

26 (2) An estimate of the amount of funds remaining under  
27 the cap provided in section 317(b).

28 (3) An estimate of the total amount of outstanding debt  
29 related to redevelopment assistance capital projects.

30 (4) An estimate of the amount of outstanding debt

1 related to the redevelopment assistance capital projects that  
2 will be paid or refinanced in the succeeding five years.

3 (c) Internet access to reports.--The Secretary of the Budget  
4 shall make all information provided under subsections (a) and  
5 (b) and all contracts for redevelopment assistance capital  
6 projects that constitute a public record as defined in section  
7 102 of the act of February 14, 2008 (P.L.6, No.3), known as the  
8 Right-to-Know Law, available on the Office of the Budget's  
9 publicly accessible Internet website.

10 Section 2. Section 318 of the act is amended by adding  
11 subsections to read:

12 Section 318. Funding and administration of redevelopment  
13 assistance capital projects.

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15 (j) Public notification.--No less than 45 days prior to  
16 execution of a contract:

17 (1) The Secretary of the Budget shall notify, in  
18 writing, the State senator and State representative in whose  
19 districts the redevelopment assistance capital project is  
20 located.

21 (2) At least one public informational meeting regarding  
22 the redevelopment assistance capital project shall be held  
23 within a ten-mile radius of the redevelopment assistance  
24 capital project site. If no suitable venue is available  
25 within a ten-mile radius of the redevelopment assistance  
26 capital project site, the Secretary of the Budget, in  
27 consultation with the applicant, the State senator and the  
28 State representative may expand the radius by a reasonable  
29 distance. Any expenses for the public informational meeting  
30 shall be paid by the applicant.

1     (k) Moratorium.--If the Governor-elect is not currently  
2     holding the office of Governor as a result of a general election  
3     at which a Governor is elected, no redevelopment assistance  
4     capital project may be approved in the period between the date  
5     of the general election at which the Governor-elect was elected  
6     and the third Tuesday of January next following the election.

7     Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.