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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY YUDICHAK, WASHINGTON, BREWSTER, TARTAGLIONE,  
HUTCHINSON, BROWNE, ERICKSON, FERLO, FONTANA, GORDNER,  
SOLOBAY, COSTA AND BAKER, JANUARY 18, 2013

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REFERRED TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT, JANUARY 18, 2013

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AN ACT

1 Providing for State assistance grants to municipalities for  
2 regionalizing police operations; imposing powers and duties  
3 on the Center for Local Government Services; and making an  
4 appropriation.

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

7 Section 1. Short title.

8 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Regional  
9 Police Assistance Grant Program Act.

10 Section 2. Definitions.

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

14 "Center." The Center for Local Government Services within  
15 the Department of Community and Economic Development of the  
16 Commonwealth.

17 "Program." The Regional Police State Assistance Grant  
18 Program established under section 3.

1 Section 3. Regional Police State Assistance Grant Program.

2 (a) Establishment.--The Regional Police State Assistance  
3 Grant Program is established and shall be administered by the  
4 center.

5 (b) Purpose of grants.--The center shall award grants to  
6 municipalities that need financial assistance to regionalize  
7 their police operations with other municipalities. Grant funds  
8 may be used for staff salaries, police equipment and related  
9 start-up expenses.

10 (c) State matching funds.--The amount of each grant awarded  
11 under this act shall be equal to the amount of Federal funds  
12 received by the municipality from the Pennsylvania Commission on  
13 Crime and Delinquency for the same purpose. No grant under this  
14 act may exceed \$100,000 for any three-year period.

15 (d) Application.--The center shall develop and distribute a  
16 uniform application for applicants to submit for grants under  
17 the program.

18 (e) Review.--The center shall review applications submitted  
19 for grants under the program and shall approve them if they are  
20 complete and the applicant agrees to the terms and conditions  
21 for the grant as determined by the center.

22 (f) Pro rata distribution.--If there are insufficient State  
23 funds appropriated for grants in any year, the center shall  
24 distribute the grant funds on a pro rata basis.

25 Section 4. Rules and regulations.

26 The center shall adopt rules and regulations necessary to  
27 implement and administer the provisions of this act.

28 Section 5. Appropriation.

29 The sum of \$100,000 is appropriated to the Center for Local  
30 Government Services within the Department of Community and

1 Economic Development for the purpose of making grants under this  
2 act.

3 Section 6. Effective date.

4 This act shall take effect in 60 days.