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AS AMENDED ON SECOND CONSIDERATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, JUNE 28, 2015

AN ACT

1 Establishing the Results First Project; and providing for data  
2 collection and analysis by the Independent Fiscal Office.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. Short title.

6 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Results First  
7 Act.

8 Section 2. Legislative intent and purpose.

9 The General Assembly finds and declares that a nationally  
10 recognized cost-benefit analysis model will allow the General  
11 Assembly to direct public resources to cost-effective programs  
12 that deliver the best outcomes for residents. The Independent  
13 Fiscal Office shall receive periodic updates that incorporate  
14 new research and enhancements identified through work in  
15 participating states and practical technical assistance to  
16 implement this cutting-edge approach for identifying policy and  
17 budget options. Through this effort, Pennsylvania will lay the

1 groundwork for a strong evidence-based approach that will  
2 identify the State government's vision, mission, philosophy,  
3 priority goals and benchmarks. The General Assembly will help  
4 State agencies to align the State agency's individual efforts  
5 and resources to achieve Statewide priority outcomes.

6 Section 3. Definitions.

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

10 "Data source." Any of the following:

11 (1) An office, department, authority, board, multistate  
12 agency or commission of the executive branch or an  
13 independent agency.

14 (2) The Office of Attorney General.

15 (3) The Department of the Auditor General.

16 (4) The Treasury Department.

17 (5) A judicial agency.

18 (6) A legislative agency.

19 (7) The Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment  
20 Council.

21 "Independent agency." The following:

22 (1) The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

23 (2) The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission.

24 (3) The Pennsylvania Game Commission.

25 (4) The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission.

26 (5) The State Civil Service Commission.

27 (6) The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission.

28 (7) The Milk Marketing Board.

29 (8) The Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board.

30 (9) The Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission.

1 (10) The Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board.

2 (11) The State Tax Equalization Board.

3 (12) The Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance  
4 Agency.

5 (13) The Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and  
6 Delinquency.

7 (14) The State Ethics Commission.

8 "Judicial agency." The following:

9 (1) The Superior Court.

10 (2) The Commonwealth Court.

11 (3) The Supreme Court.

12 (4) The Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts.

13 "Legislative agency." The following:

14 (1) The Capitol Preservation Committee.

15 (2) The Center for Rural Pennsylvania.

16 (3) The Joint Legislative Air and Water Pollution  
17 Control and Conservation Committee.

18 (4) The Joint State Government Commission.

19 (5) The Legislative Budget and Finance Committee.

20 (6) The Legislative Data Processing Committee.

21 (7) The Independent Regulatory Review Commission.

22 (8) The Legislative Reference Bureau.

23 (9) The Local Government Commission.

24 (10) The Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing.

25 (11) The Legislative Reapportionment Commission.

26 (12) The Legislative Office for Research Liaison.

27 (13) The Legislative Audit Advisory Commission.

28 "Pennsylvania Results First Project." A multidimensional  
29 data analyzing system.

30 Section 4. Duties.

1 (a) Development.--Within one year of the effective date of  
2 this section, the Independent Fiscal Office shall implement and  
3 maintain the Pennsylvania Results First Project.

4 (b) Consultation.--The Independent Fiscal Office shall  
5 consult with a nationally recognized organization that  
6 specializes in and has expertise with the scientific basis of a  
7 cost-benefit analysis model.

8 (c) Reporting.--The Independent Fiscal Office shall provide  
9 reports as directed by the General Assembly by joint resolution.  
10 Section 5. Data.

11 (a) Collection.--Subject to any applicable limitation  
12 provided by law, a data source shall submit, upon request of the  
13 Independent Fiscal Office, data required for use as provided by  
14 this act.

15 ~~(b) Duty. Data sources identified by the Independent Fiscal~~ <--

16 (B) DUTY.-- <--

17 (1) DATA SOURCES IDENTIFIED BY THE INDEPENDENT FISCAL  
18 Office shall comply with the criteria established by the  
19 Independent Fiscal Office and satisfy requirements deemed  
20 necessary by the Independent Fiscal Office in order to  
21 provide data.

22 (2) THE INDEPENDENT FISCAL OFFICE SHALL WORK <--  
23 COLLABORATIVELY WITH DATA SOURCES AS NECESSARY TO ENSURE THAT  
24 THE DATA PROVIDED IS OF APPROPRIATE CONTENT AND CONFORMS TO  
25 PRACTICABLE FORMAT SPECIFICATIONS. DATA REQUIREMENTS OF THE  
26 INDEPENDENT FISCAL OFFICE SHALL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT WORK FLOW  
27 REQUIREMENTS OF DATA SOURCES.

28 (C) RESULTS.--A DATA SOURCE MAY NOT BE CHARGED A FEE TO  
29 RECEIVE THE RESULTS GENERATED FROM DATA IT SUBMITS UNDER THIS  
30 SECTION.

1 Section 6. Effective date.

2 This act shall take effect immediately.