

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY, FEBRUARY 20, 2015

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), entitled,  
2 as amended, "An act relating to the finances of the State  
3 government; providing for the settlement, assessment,  
4 collection, and lien of taxes, bonus, and all other accounts  
5 due the Commonwealth, the collection and recovery of fees and  
6 other money or property due or belonging to the Commonwealth,  
7 or any agency thereof, including escheated property and the  
8 proceeds of its sale, the custody and disbursement or other  
9 disposition of funds and securities belonging to or in the  
10 possession of the Commonwealth, and the settlement of claims  
11 against the Commonwealth, the resettlement of accounts and  
12 appeals to the courts, refunds of moneys erroneously paid to  
13 the Commonwealth, auditing the accounts of the Commonwealth  
14 and all agencies thereof, of all public officers collecting  
15 moneys payable to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof,  
16 and all receipts of appropriations from the Commonwealth,  
17 authorizing the Commonwealth to issue tax anticipation notes  
18 to defray current expenses, implementing the provisions of  
19 section 7(a) of Article VIII of the Constitution of  
20 Pennsylvania authorizing and restricting the incurring of  
21 certain debt and imposing penalties; affecting every  
22 department, board, commission, and officer of the State  
23 government, every political subdivision of the State, and  
24 certain officers of such subdivisions, every person,  
25 association, and corporation required to pay, assess, or  
26 collect taxes, or to make returns or reports under the laws  
27 imposing taxes for State purposes, or to pay license fees or  
28 other moneys to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof,  
29 every State depository and every debtor or creditor of the  
30 Commonwealth," providing for the Commonwealth Technology  
31 Fund.

32 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

1 hereby enacts as follows:

2 Section 1. Article XVII-A of the act of April 9, 1929  
3 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, is amended by  
4 adding a subarticle to read:

5 SUBARTICLE K

6 ADDITIONAL SPECIAL FUNDS

7 Section 1799-A. Location in Fiscal Code.

8 Additional special funds may be found in Article XVII-P of  
9 this act.

10 Section 2. The act is amended by adding an article to read:

11 ARTICLE XVII-P

12 ADDITIONAL SPECIAL FUNDS

13 SUBARTICLE A

14 COMMONWEALTH TECHNOLOGY FUND

15 Section 1701-P. Establishment of Commonwealth Technology Fund.

16 There is established a fund within the State Treasury to be  
17 called the Commonwealth Technology Fund.

18 Section 1702-P. Transfer to Commonwealth Technology Fund.

19 The Secretary of the Budget shall transfer the sum of  
20 \$25,000,000 of proceeds from the tax imposed under Article II of  
21 the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform  
22 Code of 1971, to the Commonwealth Technology Fund by September  
23 30 of each year.

24 Section 1703-P. Use of Commonwealth Technology Fund.

25 (a) Request by Governor.--As a component to the annual  
26 budget submission required under section 613 of the act of April  
27 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of  
28 1929, the Governor shall provide a request for utilizing the  
29 money that the Governor reasonably expects to be in the  
30 Commonwealth Technology Fund within the fiscal year covered by

1 the budget. The request shall list the departments, agencies,  
2 offices or commissions and the dollar amount that each would  
3 receive in the upcoming fiscal year, a brief description of the  
4 project and an estimate of the total cost of each project if it  
5 is a multiyear project.

6 (b) Description of project.--As part of the budget  
7 information submitted under section 619(d) of The Administrative  
8 Code of 1929 any department, agency, office or commission  
9 expected to receive funds under subsection (a) shall include a  
10 detailed description of the technology project that would be  
11 funded. This description shall include a detailed explanation of  
12 the hardware and software that will be purchased, the  
13 anticipated date of these purchases, the expected vendors and  
14 the reason that the project is necessary and the amount of any  
15 expected savings from the project.

16 (c) Requirement for funds.--For a project to be eligible for  
17 funding under this subarticle the project must be for computing  
18 technology, such as networking, hardware, software, the Internet  
19 or telecommunications to process and distribute information in  
20 digital form.

21 (d) List of projects.--The General Assembly may, in  
22 consultation with the Governor, amend the list of projects that  
23 will be funded. No funds shall be spent unless appropriated.

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