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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, MARCH 21, 2017

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), entitled "An
2 act relating to tax reform and State taxation by codifying
3 and enumerating certain subjects of taxation and imposing
4 taxes thereon; providing procedures for the payment,
5 collection, administration and enforcement thereof; providing
6 for tax credits in certain cases; conferring powers and
7 imposing duties upon the Department of Revenue, certain
8 employers, fiduciaries, individuals, persons, corporations
9 and other entities; prescribing crimes, offenses and
10 penalties," in personal income tax, providing for
11 contributions for pediatric cancer research.

12 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
13 hereby enacts as follows:

14 Section 1. The act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as
15 the Tax Reform Code of 1971, is amended by adding a section to
16 read:

17 Section 315.13. Contributions for Pediatric Cancer
18 Research.--(a) The department shall provide a space on the
19 Pennsylvania individual income tax return form whereby an
20 individual may voluntarily designate a contribution of five

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1 dollars (\$5) to be utilized for pediatric cancer research. On or
2 before December 1 of each year, the Secretary of Health shall
3 designate hospitals within this Commonwealth conducting
4 pediatric cancer research that are eligible to receive funding
5 under this section for the following calendar year.

6 (b) The amount designated on the individual income tax
7 return form shall be deducted from the tax refund to which the
8 individual is entitled and shall not constitute a charge against
9 the income tax revenues due to the Commonwealth.

10 (c) The department shall determine annually the total amount
11 designated under this section, less reasonable administrative
12 costs, and shall report the amount to the State Treasurer, who
13 shall transfer the amount from the General Fund to the
14 Pennsylvania Cancer Control, Prevention and Research Advisory
15 Board within the Department of Health.

16 (d) The department shall provide adequate information
17 concerning the checkoff for pediatric cancer research in its
18 instructions that accompany State income tax return forms. The
19 information concerning the checkoff shall include the listing of
20 an address furnished by the Department of Health to which
21 contributions may be sent by taxpayers wishing to contribute to
22 this effort but who do not receive refunds. Additionally, the
23 Department of Health shall be charged with the duty to conduct a
24 public information campaign on the availability of this
25 opportunity to Pennsylvania taxpayers.

26 (e) The Department of Health shall report annually to the
27 respective committees of the Senate and the House of
28 Representatives that have jurisdiction over health matters on
29 the amount received via the checkoff plan and how the funds were
30 utilized.

1 Section 2. The addition of section 315.13 of the act shall
2 apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017.

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