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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES, APRIL 19, 2017

AN ACT

1 Providing for study requirements prior to transferring a power,
2 duty or function of a Commonwealth agency.

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

5 Section 1. Study requirements.

6 (a) General rule.--Notwithstanding any other act to the
7 contrary, there shall be no transfer of a power, duty or
8 function of a Commonwealth agency until the following studies
9 are completed:

10 (1) A study on the financial impact of the
11 reorganization by the Legislative Budget and Finance
12 Committee.

13 (2) A study on the policy and programmatic implications
14 and the impact on service delivery of the reorganization by
15 the Joint State Government Commission.

16 (b) Timing and submission.--The studies required under this
17 act shall be completed within one year of the intended effective
18 date of a transfer described under subsection (a). The studies

1 shall be submitted to all of the following:

2 (1) The following committees of the Senate:

3 (i) Aging and Youth Committee.

4 (ii) Appropriations Committee.

5 (iii) Health and Human Services Committee.

6 (2) The following committees of the House of
7 Representatives:

8 (i) Aging and Older Adult Services Committee.

9 (ii) Appropriations Committee.

10 (iii) Health Committee.

11 (iv) Human Services Committee.

12 (c) Reorganization restriction.--Sections 4 and 5 of the act
13 of April 7, 1955 (P.L.23, No.8), known as the Reorganization Act
14 of 1955, shall not apply to a transfer described under
15 subsection (a) until the studies required under this act are
16 completed or until specific legislation is enacted by the
17 General Assembly for this purpose.

18 Section 2. Effective date.

19 This act shall take effect in 60 days.