

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL**No. 1706** Session of
2017INTRODUCED BY RABB, THOMAS, DONATUCCI AND D. MILLER,
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, AUGUST 16, 2017

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled,
2 as amended, "An act providing for and reorganizing the
3 conduct of the executive and administrative work of the
4 Commonwealth by the Executive Department thereof and the
5 administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers
6 thereof, including the boards of trustees of State Normal
7 Schools, or Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating,
8 reorganizing or authorizing the reorganization of certain
9 administrative departments, boards, and commissions; defining
10 the powers and duties of the Governor and other executive and
11 administrative officers, and of the several administrative
12 departments, boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the
13 salaries of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain
14 other executive and administrative officers; providing for
15 the appointment of certain administrative officers, and of
16 all deputies and other assistants and employes in certain
17 departments, boards, and commissions; providing for the
18 regulation of pari-mutuel thoroughbred horse racing and
19 harness horse racing activities, imposing certain taxes and
20 providing for the disposition of funds from pari-mutuel
21 tickets; and prescribing the manner in which the number and
22 compensation of the deputies and all other assistants and
23 employes of certain departments, boards and commissions shall
24 be determined," in Commonwealth budget procedures, providing
25 for compulsory budget hearings.

26 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
27 hereby enacts as follows:

28 Section 1. The act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known
29 as The Administrative Code of 1929, is amended by adding a

1 section to read:

2 Section 626. Compulsory Budget Hearings.--(a) If
3 comprehensive companion spending and revenue bills are not
4 introduced in the General Assembly by June 19th of each fiscal
5 year, the following individuals or their designees shall
6 participate in compulsory daily public hearings on the State
7 budget in the State Capitol Complex in accordance with
8 subsection (b) until the spending and revenue bills are both
9 introduced:

10 (1) The Governor.

11 (2) The Lieutenant Governor.

12 (3) The State Treasurer.

13 (4) The Secretary of Revenue of the Commonwealth.

14 (5) The Auditor General.

15 (6) The Director of the Independent Fiscal Office.

16 (7) The President pro tempore of the Senate.

17 (8) The Majority Leader of the Senate.

18 (9) The Minority Leader of the Senate.

19 (10) The Majority and Minority Chairmen of the
20 Appropriations Committee of the Senate.

21 (11) The Majority Whip of the Senate.

22 (12) The Minority Whip of the Senate.

23 (13) The Majority and Minority caucus chairmen of the
24 Senate.

25 (14) The Majority and Minority Policy Committee chairmen of
26 the Senate.

27 (15) The Speaker of the House of Representatives.

28 (16) The Majority Leader of the House of Representatives.

29 (17) The Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.

30 (18) The Majority and Minority Chairmen of the

1 Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives.

2 (19) The Majority Whip of the House of Representatives.

3 (20) The Minority Whip of the House of Representatives.

4 (21) The Majority and Minority caucus chairmen of the House
5 of Representatives.

6 (22) The Majority and Minority Policy Committee chairmen of
7 the House of Representatives.

8 (b) At least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the start of
9 the hearing required under subsection (a), a memorandum shall be
10 posted on the General Assembly's publicly accessible Internet
11 website addressing the budget status and concerns and
12 suggestions regarding the budget from each executive branch
13 attendee and from each of the four legislative caucuses. Each
14 hearing required under subsection (a) shall be at least two (2)
15 hours long and shall be broadcast on the General Assembly's
16 publicly accessible Internet website.

17 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.