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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, DECEMBER 1, 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 judicial  
18 administration; and prescribing the manner in which the  
19 number and compensation of the deputies and all other  
20 assistants and employes of certain departments, boards and  
21 commissions shall be determined," in Commonwealth budget  
22 procedures, providing for definitions and further providing  
23 for budget implementation data, for electronic access of  
24 information and for lapsing of funds.

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

27 Section 1. The act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known

1 as The Administrative Code of 1929, is amended by adding a  
2 section to read:

3 Section 601.1. Definitions.--The following words and phrases  
4 when used in this article shall have the meanings given to them  
5 in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

6 "Encumbrance." An obligation or commitment in the form of  
7 purchase orders, field purchase orders, contracts, grant  
8 agreements or other authorizing documents related to unperformed  
9 contracts for goods and services which are chargeable to an  
10 appropriation and for which a part of the appropriation is  
11 reserved.

12 "Grants and subsidies." A payment made by the Commonwealth  
13 to a political subdivision, an individual, institution or  
14 organization for which no direct services are rendered to the  
15 Commonwealth. The term includes awards, bounties and  
16 indemnities.

17 Section 2. Section 620 of the act is amended by adding a  
18 subsection to read:

19 Section 620. Budget Implementation Data.--\* \* \*

20 (a.1) For each special fund from which grants and subsidies  
21 are paid, each department shall prepare a report within twenty  
22 (20) days of the end of each calendar quarter indicating the  
23 amount, the name of the grantee or recipient and the date of  
24 expected expenditures for each grant and subsidy which has been  
25 awarded or otherwise allocated, but is not reflected in the  
26 Integrated Central System under section 620.1 as an encumbrance  
27 as of the end of the calendar quarter. The report shall be  
28 issued to the chairperson and minority chairperson of the  
29 Appropriations Committee of the Senate and the chairperson and  
30 minority chairperson of the Appropriations Committee of the

1 House of Representatives. A copy of the report shall be sent to  
2 the Office of Administration. The Office of Administration shall  
3 make the report available on the public Internet website called  
4 PennWATCH established under the act of June 30, 2011 (P.L.81,  
5 No.18), known as the Pennsylvania Web Accountability and  
6 Transparency (PennWATCH) Act.

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8 Section 3. Section 620.1 of the act is amended to read:

9 Section 620.1. Electronic Access of Information.--Except for  
10 confidential information, the Majority and Minority Chairmen of  
11 the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of  
12 Representatives shall have access to all information available  
13 on inquiry-only screens through the Integrated Central System or  
14 a successor system.

15 Section 4. The definitions of "encumbrance" and "grants and  
16 subsidies" in section 621(a) of the act are amended to read:

17 Section 621. Lapsing of Funds.--(a) As used in this  
18 section:

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20 ["Encumbrance." Obligation or commitment in the form of  
21 purchase orders, field purchase orders, contracts, grant  
22 agreements or other authorizing documents related to unperformed  
23 contracts for goods and services which are chargeable to an  
24 appropriation and for which a part of the appropriation is  
25 reserved.]

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27 ["Grants and subsidies." Includes all payments made by the  
28 State to political subdivisions, individuals, institutions and  
29 organizations for which no direct services are rendered to the  
30 State. Also included are: awards, bounties and indemnities.]

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2 Section 5. This act shall take effect in 60 days.