
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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WHEELAND, BLOOM, DOWLING AND KLUNK, DECEMBER 1, 2017

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, further providing for submission of budget to
23 General Assembly and for transmission of budget information
24 to the General Assembly.

25 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

26 hereby enacts as follows:

27 Section 1. Section 613 of the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177,

1 No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, is amended by
2 adding a clause to read:

3 Section 613. Submission of Budget to General Assembly.--As
4 soon as possible after the organization of the General Assembly,
5 but not later than the first full week in February of each year,
6 except in the case where a Governor has been elected for his
7 first term of office and then no later than the first full week
8 in March, the Governor shall submit to the General Assembly
9 copies of original agency budget requests and all subsequent
10 revised agency budget requests and a State budget and program
11 and financial plan embracing:

12 * * *

13 (5) Suggested legislative language necessary to implement
14 the operating budget and program and financial plan submitted
15 under this section. The following apply to suggested legislative
16 language submitted under this clause:

17 (i) The suggested legislative language shall be sent to each
18 member of the General Assembly and made available on the Office
19 of the Budget's publicly accessible Internet website no later
20 than fifteen (15) days after the submissions are presented under
21 paragraphs (1), (2) and (3).

22 (ii) The submission shall include a general appropriation
23 bill, other appropriation bills, nonpreferred appropriation
24 bills or statutory authorizations, including language for
25 proposals for bills to raise revenue and proposals for formulas
26 for distribution of money.

27 Section 2. Section 619 of the act is amended by adding a
28 subsection to read:

29 Section 619. Transmission of Budget Information to the
30 General Assembly.--* * *

1 (e) No later than ninety (90) days after the enactment of a
2 general appropriation act, the Secretary of the Budget shall
3 prepare and submit a summary of appropriations to the Majority
4 and Minority Chairmen of the Appropriations Committees of the
5 Senate and the House of Representatives. The summary shall
6 include the following for each appropriation in the general
7 appropriation act:

8 (1) The name of the appropriation.

9 (2) Whether the appropriation or the program funded by the
10 appropriation is required by State law.

11 (3) Citations to applicable State law governing the use,
12 allocation or distribution of the money appropriated.

13 (4) Whether the appropriation or the program funded by the
14 appropriation is required by Federal law.

15 (5) Citations to applicable Federal law governing the use,
16 allocation or distribution of the money appropriated.

17 (6) Whether the appropriation is augmented by other State
18 money.

19 (7) Whether the appropriation is augmented by Federal money.

20 (8) Whether the appropriation is used to receive Federal
21 matching funds.

22 (9) Whether the appropriation is used to fund a program
23 which, under Federal law, requires services to be provided to
24 all eligible applicants regardless of the amount appropriated.

25 (10) Whether the appropriation is used to fund a program
26 which, under State law, requires services to be provided to all
27 eligible applicants regardless of the amount appropriated.

28 Section 3. This act shall take effect January 1, 2018, or
29 immediately, whichever is later.