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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, further providing for submission of budget to  
23 General Assembly.

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

26 Section 1. Section 613 of the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177,  
27 No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, is amended to

1 read:

2 Section 613. Submission of Budget to General Assembly.--(a)

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

11 (1) A balanced operating budget for the ensuing fiscal year  
12 setting forth in detail:

13 (i) The amounts recommended by him to be appropriated to the  
14 General Assembly, the Judicial Department, the Governor, and the  
15 several administrative departments, boards, and commissions of  
16 the State Government, and to institutions within the State, and  
17 for all public purposes, classified by department or agency and  
18 by program.

19 (ii) The estimated revenues or receipts from any and all  
20 sources, and an estimated amount to be raised by taxation or  
21 otherwise, including proposals for new revenues and receipts.

22 (2) A capital budget for the ensuing fiscal year setting  
23 forth capital projects to be financed from the proceeds of  
24 obligations of the Commonwealth or of its agencies or  
25 authorities or from operating funds.

26 (3) A program and financial plan for not less than the prior  
27 fiscal year, the current fiscal year, this budget year and the  
28 four succeeding fiscal years, which plan shall include for each  
29 such fiscal year:

30 (i) Actual or estimated operating expenditures classified by

1 department or agency and by program, in reasonable detail, and  
2 actual or estimated revenue by major categories from existing  
3 and additional sources.

4 (ii) Clearly stated purposes of each program in terms of  
5 desired accomplishments.

6 (iii) Measures used to determine to what extent such program  
7 has achieved its stated purposes.

8 (iv) Actual or estimated levels of accomplishment for each  
9 program and actual or estimated levels of program activities and  
10 their associated costs.

11 (v) Clearly stated purposes for each recommended new or  
12 revised program, measures to be used to determine whether each  
13 new or revised program has achieved its purpose, estimated  
14 levels of additional or new accomplishment of each new or  
15 revised program, estimated levels of additional activities for  
16 each such program, and their associated costs.

17 (vi) When the Secretary of the Budget identifies a new or  
18 expanded program by criteria used in the budget instructions,  
19 the new or expanded program shall be displayed and justified as  
20 a separate item in the Governor's budget request. A new program  
21 shall not be considered to be enacted by the General Assembly in  
22 its first year unless it is specifically referred to or  
23 displayed as a line item in an appropriation bill.

24 (4) The budget shall list as a single, separate line item  
25 for each administrative department, board, and commission the  
26 amount which the Governor recommends to be appropriated for the  
27 ensuing fiscal year for public relations. For the purposes of  
28 this clause, "public relations" shall include the preparation,  
29 presentation and distribution of advertising, publications,  
30 radio tapes, television films and tapes, and media releases. The

1 separate line item shall include all compensation, including  
2 fringe benefits; all travel, meal, lodging, and similar  
3 expenses; the cost of purchasing new equipment and supplies; the  
4 cost of leasing offices and equipment; the cost of purchasing  
5 material, including newspapers, magazines, movies, films and  
6 tapes; the cost of using wire service equipment; and all other  
7 similar public relations expenditures.

8 (5) For a request for an additional appropriation from State  
9 funds for a fiscal year prior to the fiscal year which is the  
10 subject of the submission under this subsection, a statement of  
11 the need for the additional appropriation and recommendations  
12 for cost savings or other reforms which address the cause of the  
13 need for the additional appropriation.

14 (b) For a request for an additional appropriation from State  
15 funds made after the submissions under subsection (a) by the  
16 Governor to the General Assembly for a fiscal year prior to the  
17 next succeeding fiscal year, the request shall include a  
18 statement of the need for the additional appropriation and  
19 recommendations for cost savings or other reforms which address  
20 the cause of the need of the additional appropriation.

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