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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, DECEMBER 5, 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,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 (i) Actual or estimated operating expenditures classified by
2 department or agency and by program, in reasonable detail, and
3 actual or estimated revenue by major categories from existing
4 and additional sources.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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