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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY,  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2018

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 15, 1945 (P.L.547, No.217), entitled "An  
2 act relating to the conservation of soil, water and related  
3 natural resources and land use practices contributing to soil  
4 wastage and soil erosion; providing for the organization of  
5 the various counties into conservation districts; the  
6 appointment of their officers and employes; and prescribing  
7 their powers and duties; creating the State Conservation  
8 Commission in the Department of Environmental Resources and  
9 fixing its powers and duties relative to the administration  
10 of this act; providing financial and legal assistance to such  
11 conservation districts and the commission; and authorizing  
12 county governing bodies to make appropriations thereto;  
13 providing for disposition and operation of existing  
14 districts; and repealing existing laws," providing for  
15 legislative report.

16 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
17 hereby enacts as follows:

18 Section 1. The act of May 15, 1945 (P.L.547, No.217), known  
19 as the Conservation District Law, is amended by adding a section  
20 to read:

21 Section 14.1. Legislative Report.--By March 1, 2019, and by  
22 March 1 of each year thereafter, the commission shall submit a  
23 report to the General Assembly. The report shall include, but  
24 not be limited to, the following information:

1 (1) An overview of the commission summarizing the  
2 commission's staffing, operations, program activities, sources  
3 of funding and a detailed accounting of how funding is used.

4 (2) The amount of money allocated to each conservation  
5 district.

6 (3) The number, by each level, of certified commercial  
7 manure haulers and brokers and the amount of certification and  
8 examination fees collected.

9 (4) A project work summary, including program statistics, of  
10 the dirt, gravel and low-volume road maintenance program under  
11 75 Pa.C.S. § 9106 (relating to dirt, gravel and low-volume road  
12 maintenance).

13 (5) A summary of activities under the leadership development  
14 program established to train conservation district directors and  
15 staff in Pennsylvania, including funding received and allocated.

16 (6) A summary of the nutrient and odor management program  
17 under 3 Pa.C.S. Ch. 5 (relating to nutrient management and odor  
18 management), including program statistics.

19 (7) A summary of the nutrient management and odor management  
20 certification programs established under 3 Pa.C.S. § 508  
21 (relating to nutrient management certification program and odor  
22 management certification program), including numbers of persons  
23 certified by type and the amount of certification and  
24 examination fees collected.

25 (8) A summary of the projects receiving resource enhancement  
26 and protection tax credits, along with the number of tax credits  
27 awarded, under Article XVII-E of the act of March 4, 1971  
28 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the "Tax Reform Code of 1971."

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