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 SCHLEGEL CULVER, APRIL 15, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, APRIL 15, 2019

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled  
 2 "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the  
 3 executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the  
 4 Executive Department thereof and the administrative  
 5 departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof,  
 6 including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or  
 7 Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or  
 8 authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative  
 9 departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and  
 10 duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative  
 11 officers, and of the several administrative departments,  
 12 boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the  
 13 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive  
 14 and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of  
 15 certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and  
 16 other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards,  
 17 and commissions; providing for judicial administration; and  
 18 prescribing the manner in which the number and compensation  
 19 of the deputies and all other assistants and employes of  
 20 certain departments, boards and commissions shall be  
 21 determined," in Commonwealth budget procedures, further  
 22 providing for submission of budget to General Assembly.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

29 (i) Actual or estimated operating expenditures classified by  
30 department or agency and by program, in reasonable detail, and

1 actual or estimated revenue by major categories from existing  
2 and additional sources.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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