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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, APRIL 29, 2019

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), entitled,
2 as amended, "An act relating to the finances of the State
3 government; providing for cancer control, prevention and
4 research, for ambulatory surgical center data collection, for
5 the Joint Underwriting Association, for entertainment
6 business financial management firms, for private dam
7 financial assurance and for reinstatement of item vetoes;
8 providing for the settlement, assessment, collection, and
9 lien of taxes, bonus, and all other accounts due the
10 Commonwealth, the collection and recovery of fees and other
11 money or property due or belonging to the Commonwealth, or
12 any agency thereof, including escheated property and the
13 proceeds of its sale, the custody and disbursement or other
14 disposition of funds and securities belonging to or in the
15 possession of the Commonwealth, and the settlement of claims
16 against the Commonwealth, the resettlement of accounts and
17 appeals to the courts, refunds of moneys erroneously paid to
18 the Commonwealth, auditing the accounts of the Commonwealth
19 and all agencies thereof, of all public officers collecting
20 moneys payable to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof,
21 and all receipts of appropriations from the Commonwealth,
22 authorizing the Commonwealth to issue tax anticipation notes
23 to defray current expenses, implementing the provisions of
24 section 7(a) of Article VIII of the Constitution of
25 Pennsylvania authorizing and restricting the incurring of
26 certain debt and imposing penalties; affecting every
27 department, board, commission, and officer of the State
28 government, every political subdivision of the State, and
29 certain officers of such subdivisions, every person,
30 association, and corporation required to pay, assess, or
31 collect taxes, or to make returns or reports under the laws
32 imposing taxes for State purposes, or to pay license fees or

1 other moneys to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof,
2 every State depository and every debtor or creditor of the
3 Commonwealth," in additional special funds, further providing
4 for definitions, for use of funds, for amount of grant and
5 for guidelines for applications.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. Section 1741-A.1 of the act of April 9, 1929
9 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, is amended by
10 adding definitions to read:

11 Section 1741-A.1. Definitions.

12 The following words and phrases when used in this subarticle
13 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
14 context clearly indicates otherwise:

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16 "Large residential conversion projects." A residential
17 conversion project with greater than 100 parcels.

18 "Tapping." Interconnecting distribution facilities with
19 upstream interstate transmission facilities or gathering line
20 facilities allowing distribution service expansion, including,
21 but not limited to, metering, regulation, odorization and
22 related controls.

23 Section 2. Sections 1744-A.1(a), 1745-A.1 and 1746-A.1 of
24 the act are amended to read:

25 Section 1744-A.1. Use of funds.

26 (a) Grants.--The authority shall use the fund to provide
27 grants to obtain access to natural gas to any of the following:

- 28 (1) Hospitals.
- 29 (2) Businesses.
- 30 (3) Economic development organizations.
- 31 (4) Municipalities.
- 32 (5) Counties.

- 1 (6) School districts.
- 2 (7) Large residential conversion projects.
- 3 (8) Combined heat and power applications.

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5 Section 1745-A.1. Amount of grant.

6 (a) Amount generally.--The authority may provide a grant for
7 not more than the lesser of:

- 8 (1) 50% of the cost of a project; or
- 9 (2) [\$1,000,000] \$1,500,000.

10 (b) Tapping costs.--In addition to the amount under
11 subsection (a) (2), the authority may provide not more than
12 \$500,000 for costs related to the tapping of upstream
13 facilities.

14 Section 1746-A.1. Guidelines for applications.

15 The authority shall:

16 (1) develop guidelines for submitting applications for a
17 grant; [and]

18 (2) give priority to applications that will result in
19 adjoining residential and nonresidential properties obtaining
20 natural gas[.]; and

21 (3) develop streamlined guidelines for submitting
22 applications for grants issued in the amount of \$75,000 or
23 less to expedite the process.

24 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.