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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, MAY 6, 2019

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in municipal authorities, further
3 providing for money of authority.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 5612(b) of the Title 53 of the
7 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 5612. Money of authority.

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10 (b) Report.--A required annual report shall be published in
11 accordance with the following:

12 (1) Every authority whose fiscal year ends December 31
13 shall file on or before July 1 an annual report of its fiscal
14 affairs covering the preceding calendar year with the
15 Department of Community and Economic Development and with the
16 municipality creating the authority on forms prepared and
17 distributed by the Department of Community and Economic
18 Development. Authorities whose fiscal year does not end on

1 December 31 shall file the report within 90 days after the  
2 end of their fiscal year.

3 (2) Every authority shall have its books, accounts and  
4 records audited annually by a certified public accountant,  
5 and a copy of his audit report shall be filed in the same  
6 manner and within the same time period as the annual report.  
7 The audit shall comply with the following standards:

8 (i) The generally accepted government auditing  
9 standards, including the standards published by the  
10 General Accountability Office.

11 (ii) The Single Audit Act of 1984 (31 U.S.C. § 7501  
12 et seq.).

13 (iii) 2 C.F.R. Pt. 200 (relating to the Uniform  
14 administrative requirements, cost principles and audit  
15 requirements for Federal awards).

16 (iv) Any other Federal or State requirements for an  
17 audit RELATING TO THE FINANCES OF AN AUTHORITY. <--

18 (3) A concise financial statement shall be published  
19 annually at least once in a newspaper of general circulation  
20 in the municipality where the principal office of the  
21 authority is located. If the publication is not made by the  
22 authority, the municipality shall publish such statement at  
23 the expense of the authority.

24 (4) If the authority fails to make such an audit ~~or if~~ <--  
25 ~~the municipality determines that there is a need for an~~  
26 ~~audit,~~ then the controller, auditor or accountant designated  
27 by the municipality is hereby authorized and empowered from  
28 time to time to examine at the expense of the authority the  
29 accounts and books of it, including its receipts,  
30 disbursements, contracts, leases, sinking funds, investments

1 and any other matters relating to its finances, operation and  
2 affairs. In the course of performing an A FINANCIAL audit <--  
3 under this subsection the municipality may request the <--  
4 assistance of the Auditor General TO PERFORM THE AUDIT. <--

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