

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, OCTOBER 23, 2019

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, 2020, and by
22 March 1 of each year thereafter, the commission shall submit a
23 report FOR THE PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR to the General Assembly. The <--
24 report shall include, but not be limited to, the following

1 information:

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

5 (2) The amount of STATE money allocated BY THE COMMISSION to <--
6 each conservation district.

7 (3) The number, by each level, of certified commercial
8 manure haulers and brokers and the amount of certification and
9 examination fees collected BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE. <--

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

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

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

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

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

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