

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, MAY 27, 2020

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 29, 1996 (P.L.434, No.67), entitled "An
2 act to enhance job creation and economic development by
3 providing for an annual financing strategy, for opportunity
4 grants, for job creation tax credits, for small business
5 assistance, for the Small Business Advocacy Council, for a
6 family savings program, for industrial development
7 assistance, for community development bank grants and loans
8 and for tax-exempt bond allocation; conferring powers and
9 duties on various administrative agencies and authorities;
10 further providing for various funds; and making repeals," in
11 Community Development Bank Grant and Loan Program, further
12 providing for definitions and providing for COVID-19 grant
13 and loan programs.

14 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
15 hereby enacts as follows:

16 Section 1. Section 2501 of the act of June 29, 1996
17 (P.L.434, No.67), known as the Job Enhancement Act, is amended
18 by adding a definition to read:

19 Section 2501. Definitions.

20 The following words and phrases when used in this chapter

1 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
2 context clearly indicates otherwise:

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4 "COVID-19 impacted business." A business materially impacted
5 by the novel coronavirus, known as COVID-19, identified in the
6 proclamation of disaster emergency issued by the Governor on
7 March 6, 2020, published at 50 Pa.B. 1644 (March 21, 2020), and
8 any renewal of the state of disaster emergency.

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10 Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

11 Section 2512. COVID-19 grant and loan programs.

12 (a) COVID-19 grant program.--From money appropriated to or <--
13 otherwise available to the authority FOR SUCH PURPOSE for grants <--
14 under this subsection, the authority shall make money available <--
15 to community development financial institutions to make grants
16 to COVID 19 impacted businesses. Grants under this subsection
17 shall be used to provide technical assistance, training or other
18 support. ISSUE GRANTS TO ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS TO PROVIDE <--
19 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, TRAINING OR OTHER SUPPORT TO COVID-19
20 IMPACTED BUSINESSES.

21 (b) COVID-19 loan program.--From money appropriated to or <--
22 otherwise available to the authority FOR SUCH PURPOSE for loans <--
23 under this subsection, the authority shall make money available <--
24 to community development financial institutions to make loans to
25 COVID 19 impacted businesses. PROVIDE LOANS TO ELIGIBLE <--
26 INSTITUTIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDING TO ELIGIBLE
27 INSTITUTIONS TO MAKE LOANS TO COVID-19 IMPACTED BUSINESSES.

28 (c) Report.--The authority shall prepare, in consultation
29 with the committee, a report to the chairperson and minority
30 chairperson of the Appropriations Committee of the Senate and

1 the chairperson and minority chairperson of the Appropriations
2 Committee of the House of Representatives. The report shall
3 include the amount of money appropriated to the COVID-19 grant
4 and loan programs under this section, the name and location of
5 community development financial institutions accredited by the
6 department and the number of grants and loans disbursed to
7 COVID-19 impacted businesses.

8 (d) Prohibition on issuance.--No grants or loans TO ELIGIBLE <--
9 INSTITUTIONS may be issued under this section ~~15~~ FIVE years <--
10 after the effective date of this section.

11 (E) APPROPRIATION.--NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF <--
12 LAW AND EXCEPT AS PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (F), FUNDING FOR THE
13 COVID-19 GRANT AND LOAN PROGRAMS UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE
14 APPROPRIATED FROM MONEY RECEIVED BY THIS COMMONWEALTH UNDER THE
15 FEDERAL CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT
16 (PUBLIC LAW 116-136, 134 STAT. 281) FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING
17 GRANTS AND LOANS UNDER THIS SECTION.

18 (F) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.--THE DEPARTMENT MAY USE UP TO
19 \$700,000 OF UNENCUMBERED FUNDS FROM THE AMOUNT APPROPRIATED FOR
20 THE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS OF THE COVID-19 GRANT AND LOAN PROGRAMS
21 UNDER THIS SECTION FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COVID-19 GRANT
22 AND LOAN PROGRAMS.

23 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.