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AS AMENDED ON SECOND CONSIDERATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, APRIL 27, 2020

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," providing for COVID-19 Cost and Recovery Task
22 Force-; AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION. <--

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

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

28 ARTICLE XXI-C

1 COVID-19 COST AND RECOVERY TASK FORCE

2 Section 2101 C. Legislative findings.

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3 The General Assembly finds and declares as follows:

4 (1) A novel coronavirus, known as COVID-19, entered the
5 United States in late January 2020 and has spread throughout
6 the states, including this Commonwealth.

7 (2) On March 6, 2020, the Governor declared a disaster
8 emergency, citing a threat of imminent disaster that is of
9 such a magnitude and severity as to necessitate extraordinary
10 measures to protect the health, safety and life of this
11 Commonwealth's citizens.

12 (3) The impact of COVID-19, including all the necessary
13 measures taken to mitigate the spread of the disease, has
14 severely disrupted the Commonwealth and its subdivisions and
15 is producing short term and long term negative economic
16 consequences.

17 (4) In order to effectively manage the current disaster,
18 all branches of the Commonwealth must work cooperatively to
19 identify immediate and urgent issues, provide a structure to
20 catalog the Commonwealth's response to the disaster emergency
21 and create a forum to receive testimony, information and
22 recommendations from individuals, businesses and industries.

23 (5) In addition to managing the existing public health
24 challenges of COVID-19, the Commonwealth will need a recovery
25 plan once the emergency subsides to address the innumerable
26 issues resulting from the disaster emergency, including the
27 impact to the economy.

28 (6) The most effective manner to achieve these critical
29 needs is to form an interbranch task force.

30 Section 2102 C. Definitions.

~~The following words and phrases when used in this article shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:~~

~~"Order." As follows:~~

~~(1) The declaration of disaster emergency issued by the Governor on March 6, 2020, published at 50 Pa.B. 1644 (March 21, 2020).~~

~~(2) A declaration of disaster emergency relating to the novel coronavirus, known as COVID-19, issued after March 6, 2020.~~

~~"Task force." The COVID-19 Cost and Recovery Task Force established under section 2103-C(a).~~

~~Section 2103-C. Task force.~~

~~(a) Establishment. The COVID-19 Cost and Recovery Task Force is established.~~

~~(b) Membership. The task force shall consist of the following members, appointed within five days of the effective date of this section:~~

~~(1) The Governor or a designee.~~

~~(2) Two members of the Senate appointed by the President pro tempore of the Senate.~~

~~(3) Three members of the Senate appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate.~~

~~(4) Three members of the Senate appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate.~~

~~(5) Two members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.~~

~~(6) Three members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Majority Leader of the House of Representatives.~~

1 ~~(7) Three members of the House of Representatives~~
2 ~~appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of~~
3 ~~Representatives.~~

4 ~~(8) The following individuals appointed by the Governor:~~

5 ~~(i) An officer or employee of the Department of~~
6 ~~Health to represent the Secretary of Health.~~

7 ~~(ii) An officer or employee of the Pennsylvania~~
8 ~~Emergency Management Agency to represent the Director of~~
9 ~~the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency.~~

10 ~~(iii) An officer or employee of the Department of~~
11 ~~Community and Economic Development to represent the~~
12 ~~Secretary of Community and Economic Development.~~

13 ~~(9) The following individuals appointed by the Chief~~
14 ~~Justice of the Supreme Court:~~

15 ~~(i) The Court Administrator of Pennsylvania of the~~
16 ~~Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts.~~

17 ~~(ii) A judge of the Superior or Commonwealth Courts~~
18 ~~or a justice of the Supreme Court.~~

19 ~~(iii) A judge of a court of common pleas or a member~~
20 ~~of the minor judiciary.~~

21 ~~(c) Method of appointment. An appointing authority under~~
22 ~~subsection (b) shall make appointment or replacement~~
23 ~~appointment by the transmission of a letter to the Governor, all ex officio~~
24 ~~members and all appointing authorities under subsection (b).~~

25 ~~(d) Advisory committees. The following shall apply:~~

26 ~~(1) The task force may establish advisory committees to~~
27 ~~review issues relating to the COVID-19 public health~~
28 ~~emergency that require executive, legislative or judicial~~
29 ~~action and to report related information to the task force.~~

30 ~~(2) Members of an advisory committee shall be~~

~~individuals appointed by the task force who have experience in the issue being reviewed. Members of the task force and individuals who are not members of the task force may be appointed to an advisory committee.~~

~~(3) A member of the task force shall serve as the chairperson of each advisory committee.~~

~~(4) An advisory committee established under this subsection may be directed to review issues related to issues arising from the COVID-19 pandemic and the impact those issues have had on the Commonwealth.~~

~~(e) Chairperson. The Governor or a designee under subsection (b) (1) shall serve as chairperson of the task force.~~

~~(f) Participation. A member not physically present may participate by teleconference or video conference.~~

~~(g) Quorum and voting. The following shall apply:~~

~~(1) A majority of the members of the task force participating in person, teleconference or video conference shall constitute a quorum.~~

~~(2) Action of the task force must be authorized or ratified by majority vote of the members of the task force.~~

~~(h) Meetings. The following shall apply:~~

~~(1) The task force shall meet at least once a week. Additional meetings may be called by the chairperson as necessary. The chairperson shall schedule a meeting upon written request of four members of the task force.~~

~~(2) The first meeting shall be convened within 10 days of the effective date of this paragraph.~~

~~(3) The task force may take actions necessary to conform to public gathering requirements ordered or recommended by the Secretary of Health or the Centers for Disease Control.~~

1 ~~(4) The task force shall permit the public to view or~~
2 ~~listen to a committee meeting through contemporaneous methods~~
3 ~~and make the recordings available on the Department of~~
4 ~~Community and Economic Development's publicly accessible~~
5 ~~Internet website.~~

6 ~~(5) The task force may hold public hearings if~~
7 ~~necessary.~~

8 ~~(i) Expenses. Members shall not receive compensation but~~
9 ~~shall be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred in service of~~
10 ~~the task force.~~

11 ~~(j) Support. The Office of the Governor, the Senate, the~~
12 ~~House of Representatives and the Administrative Offices of the~~
13 ~~Pennsylvania Courts shall provide administrative services to the~~
14 ~~task force.~~

15 ~~(k) Applicability. The following shall apply:~~

16 ~~(1) (i) Except as provided under subparagraph (ii), the~~
17 ~~act of February 14, 2008 (P.L.6, No.3), known as the~~
18 ~~Right to Know Law, shall apply to the task force.~~

19 ~~(ii) Correspondence between a person and a member of~~
20 ~~the task force and records accompanying the~~
21 ~~correspondence submitted under section 2104 C(a)(3) shall~~
22 ~~be exempt from access by a requester under the Right to~~
23 ~~Know Law. This subparagraph shall not apply to~~
24 ~~correspondence between a member and a principal or~~
25 ~~lobbyist under 65 Pa.C.S. Ch. 13A (relating to lobbying~~
26 ~~disclosure).~~

27 ~~(2) Except as provided under paragraph (3), the task~~
28 ~~force shall be deemed an agency for the purposes of 65~~
29 ~~Pa.C.S. Ch. 7 (relating to open meetings).~~

30 ~~(3) Public notice of a meeting of the task force shall~~

1 ~~be made by the issuance of a press release by the chairperson~~
2 ~~no less than 24 hours prior to a meeting.~~

3 ~~(4) A member of the task force shall be deemed a public~~
4 ~~official for the purpose of 65 Pa.C.S. Ch. 11 (relating to~~
5 ~~ethics standards and financial disclosure). A statement~~
6 ~~required to be filed by a member under 65 Pa.C.S. § 1104(a)~~
7 ~~(relating to statement of financial interests required to be~~
8 ~~filed) due to the individual's membership on the task force~~
9 ~~shall be filed only with the State Ethics Commission.~~

10 ~~(5) The task force shall be considered an independent~~
11 ~~agency for the purposes of the act of October 15, 1980~~
12 ~~(P.L.950, No.164), known as the Commonwealth Attorneys Act.~~

13 ~~Section 2104 C. Functions of task force.~~

14 ~~(a) Powers. The task force shall have the following powers:~~

15 ~~(1) To request periodic updates from each agency under~~
16 ~~the Governor's jurisdiction, independent agencies, the~~
17 ~~legislature, and the unified judicial system on any actions~~
18 ~~taken in response to the COVID 19 public health emergency.~~

19 ~~(2) To appoint advisory committees under section 2103~~
20 ~~C(d).~~

21 ~~(3) To receive communications from individuals,~~
22 ~~businesses, nonprofit entities, local governments and any~~
23 ~~other entity regarding issues under subsection (b)(2).~~

24 ~~(b) Duties. The task force shall have the following duties:~~

25 ~~(1) To monitor and track the response by the~~
26 ~~Commonwealth to the COVID 19 public health emergency during~~
27 ~~the time that the order remains active, including all actions~~
28 ~~taken under the authority of the order.~~

29 ~~(2) To identify immediate and urgent issues relating to~~
30 ~~the COVID 19 public health emergency that require executive,~~

1 ~~legislative or judicial action and to make recommendations to~~
2 ~~the proper body in a timely fashion.~~

3 ~~(3) To develop and submit a recovery plan to the~~
4 ~~Executive Branch, Legislative Branch and Judicial Branch of~~
5 ~~the Commonwealth's government. A recovery plan shall include~~
6 ~~a documented, structured approach that describes how the~~
7 ~~Commonwealth and its subdivisions can expeditiously resume~~
8 ~~mission critical functions, including the restoration of~~
9 ~~housing, transportation, education and other public services~~
10 ~~and economic activity to levels equal to or better than their~~
11 ~~predisaster states through a series of short term,~~
12 ~~intermediate and long term strategies and actions. The~~
13 ~~recovery plan may be based in part or in whole on the Federal~~
14 ~~Emergency Management Agency's resources for recovery planning~~
15 ~~and managing recovery.~~

16 ~~(4) To make a final report no later than six months~~
17 ~~after the order is terminated by executive order,~~
18 ~~proclamation or operation of law documenting all of the~~
19 ~~following:~~

20 ~~(i) Actions taken by executive agencies under the~~
21 ~~order.~~

22 ~~(ii) Legislative enactments made in response to the~~
23 ~~COVID 19 public health emergency.~~

24 ~~(iii) Judicial orders made in response to the COVID~~
25 ~~19 public health emergency.~~

26 ~~(iv) A summary of actions undertaken by local~~
27 ~~governments in response to the COVID 19 public health~~
28 ~~emergency.~~

29 ~~Section 2105-C. Appropriation.~~

30 ~~The amount of \$1,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to~~

~~1 the Department of Community and Economic Development for payment
2 of reasonable expenses under section 2103-C(i). The
3 appropriation under this section shall not lapse until the
4 expiration of this article under section 2106-C. Any amount of
5 the appropriation unexpended or uncommitted upon the expiration
6 under section 2106-C shall lapse.~~

~~7 Section 2106-C. Expiration.~~

~~8 This article shall expire six months after the order is
9 terminated by executive order, proclamation or operation of law.~~

10 SECTION 2101-C. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS.

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11 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES AS FOLLOWS:

12 (1) A NOVEL CORONAVIRUS, KNOWN AS COVID-19, ENTERED THE
13 UNITED STATES IN LATE JANUARY 2020 AND HAS SPREAD THROUGHOUT
14 THE STATES, INCLUDING THIS COMMONWEALTH.

15 (2) ON MARCH 6, 2020, THE GOVERNOR DECLARED A DISASTER
16 EMERGENCY, CITING A THREAT OF IMMINENT DISASTER THAT IS OF
17 SUCH A MAGNITUDE AND SEVERITY AS TO NECESSITATE EXTRAORDINARY
18 MEASURES TO PROTECT THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND LIFE OF THIS
19 COMMONWEALTH'S CITIZENS.

20 (3) THE IMPACT OF COVID-19, INCLUDING ALL THE NECESSARY
21 MEASURES TAKEN TO MITIGATE THE SPREAD OF THE DISEASE, HAS
22 SEVERELY DISRUPTED THE COMMONWEALTH AND ITS SUBDIVISIONS AND
23 IS PRODUCING SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM NEGATIVE ECONOMIC
24 CONSEQUENCES.

25 (4) IN ORDER TO EFFECTIVELY MANAGE THE CURRENT DISASTER,
26 ALL BRANCHES OF THE COMMONWEALTH'S GOVERNMENT MUST WORK
27 COOPERATIVELY TO IDENTIFY IMMEDIATE AND URGENT ISSUES,
28 PROVIDE A STRUCTURE TO CATALOG THE COMMONWEALTH'S RESPONSE TO
29 THE DISASTER EMERGENCY AND CREATE A FORUM TO RECEIVE
30 TESTIMONY, INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM INDIVIDUALS,

1 BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY.

2 (5) IN ADDITION TO MANAGING THE EXISTING PUBLIC HEALTH
3 CHALLENGES OF COVID-19, THE COMMONWEALTH WILL NEED A RECOVERY
4 PLAN ONCE THE EMERGENCY SUBSIDES TO ADDRESS THE INNUMERABLE
5 ISSUES RESULTING FROM THE DISASTER EMERGENCY, INCLUDING THE
6 IMPACT TO THE ECONOMY.

7 (6) THE MOST EFFECTIVE MANNER TO ACHIEVE THESE CRITICAL
8 NEEDS IS TO FORM AN INTERBRANCH TASK FORCE.

9 SECTION 2102-C. DEFINITIONS.

10 THE FOLLOWING WORDS AND PHRASES WHEN USED IN THIS ARTICLE
11 SHALL HAVE THE MEANINGS GIVEN TO THEM IN THIS SECTION UNLESS THE
12 CONTEXT CLEARLY INDICATES OTHERWISE:

13 "ORDER." AS FOLLOWS:

14 (1) THE DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY ISSUED BY THE
15 GOVERNOR ON MARCH 6, 2020, PUBLISHED AT 50 PA.B. 1644 (MARCH
16 21, 2020).

17 (2) A DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY RELATING TO THE
18 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS, KNOWN AS COVID-19, ISSUED AFTER MARCH 6,
19 2020.

20 "TASK FORCE." THE COVID-19 COST AND RECOVERY TASK FORCE
21 ESTABLISHED UNDER SECTION 2103-C(A).

22 SECTION 2103-C. TASK FORCE.

23 (A) ESTABLISHMENT.--THE COVID-19 COST AND RECOVERY TASK
24 FORCE IS ESTABLISHED.

25 (B) MEMBERSHIP.--THE TASK FORCE SHALL CONSIST OF THE
26 FOLLOWING MEMBERS, APPOINTED WITHIN FIVE DAYS OF THE EFFECTIVE
27 DATE OF THIS SECTION:

28 (1) THE GOVERNOR OR A DESIGNEE.

29 (2) THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE OR A
30 DESIGNEE.

1 (3) THE MAJORITY LEADER OF THE SENATE OR A DESIGNEE.

2 (4) THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE SENATE OR A DESIGNEE.

3 (5) THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OR A
4 DESIGNEE.

5 (6) THE MAJORITY LEADER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
6 OR A DESIGNEE.

7 (7) THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
8 OR A DESIGNEE.

9 (8) THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT OR A
10 DESIGNEE.

11 (9) A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OR COMMONWEALTH COURT
12 OR A JUDGE OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS APPOINTED BY THE
13 CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT.

14 (C) METHOD OF APPOINTMENT.--AN APPOINTING AUTHORITY UNDER
15 SUBSECTION (B) SHALL MAKE APPOINTMENT OR REPLACEMENT APPOINTMENT
16 BY THE TRANSMISSION OF A LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR, ALL EX OFFICIO
17 MEMBERS AND ALL APPOINTING AUTHORITIES UNDER SUBSECTION (B).

18 (C.1) EXECUTIVE ADVISORS.--THE FOLLOWING SHALL SERVE AS
19 ADVISORS TO THE TASK FORCE:

20 (1) AN OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
21 AGRICULTURE TO REPRESENT THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE.

22 (2) AN OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BANKING
23 AND SECURITIES TO REPRESENT THE SECRETARY OF BANKING AND
24 SECURITIES.

25 (3) AN OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
26 COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO REPRESENT THE SECRETARY
27 OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

28 (4) AN OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
29 EDUCATION TO REPRESENT THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION.

30 (5) AN OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN

1 SERVICES TO REPRESENT THE SECRETARY OF HUMAN SERVICES.

2 (6) AN OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE OF THE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT
3 TO REPRESENT THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER.

4 (7) AN OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
5 AND INDUSTRY TO REPRESENT THE SECRETARY OF LABOR AND
6 INDUSTRY.

7 (8) AN OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
8 TRANSPORTATION TO REPRESENT THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION.

9 (D) ADVISORY COMMITTEES.--THE FOLLOWING SHALL APPLY:

10 (1) THE TASK FORCE MAY ESTABLISH ADVISORY COMMITTEES TO
11 REVIEW ISSUES RELATING TO THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH
12 EMERGENCY THAT REQUIRE EXECUTIVE, LEGISLATIVE OR JUDICIAL
13 ACTION AND TO REPORT RELATED INFORMATION TO THE TASK FORCE.

14 (2) MEMBERS OF AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL BE
15 INDIVIDUALS APPOINTED BY THE TASK FORCE WHO HAVE EXPERIENCE
16 IN THE ISSUE BEING REVIEWED. MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE AND
17 INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE MAY BE
18 APPOINTED TO AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

19 (3) INDIVIDUALS APPOINTED TO AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE WHO
20 ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE SHALL REPRESENT THE
21 GEOGRAPHIC, RACIAL, GENDER AND SOCIOECONOMIC DIVERSITY OF
22 THIS COMMONWEALTH. INDIVIDUALS APPOINTED TO AN ADVISORY
23 COMMITTEE WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE MAY NOT BE A
24 LOBBYIST AS DEFINED IN 65 PA.C.S. § 13A03 (RELATING TO
25 DEFINITIONS) OR AN OFFICER OR AN EMPLOYEE OF A POLITICAL
26 PARTY OR POLITICAL COMMITTEE AS DEFINED IN SECTION 801 OR
27 1621(H) OF THE ACT OF JUNE 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, NO.320), KNOWN
28 AS THE PENNSYLVANIA ELECTION CODE.

29 (4) A MEMBER OF THE TASK FORCE SHALL SERVE AS THE
30 CHAIRPERSON OF EACH ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

1 (5) AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS
2 SUBSECTION MAY BE DIRECTED TO REVIEW ISSUES RELATED TO ISSUES
3 ARISING FROM THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND THE IMPACT THOSE
4 ISSUES HAVE HAD ON THE COMMONWEALTH.

5 (E) CHAIRPERSON.--THE GOVERNOR OR A DESIGNEE UNDER
6 SUBSECTION (B) (1) SHALL SERVE AS CHAIRPERSON OF THE TASK FORCE.

7 (F) PARTICIPATION.--A MEMBER NOT PHYSICALLY PRESENT MAY
8 PARTICIPATE BY TELECONFERENCE OR VIDEO CONFERENCE.

9 (G) QUORUM AND VOTING.--THE FOLLOWING SHALL APPLY:

10 (1) A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE
11 PARTICIPATING IN PERSON, TELECONFERENCE OR VIDEO CONFERENCE
12 SHALL CONSTITUTE A QUORUM.

13 (2) ACTION OF THE TASK FORCE MUST BE AUTHORIZED OR
14 RATIFIED BY MAJORITY VOTE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE.

15 (H) MEETINGS.--THE FOLLOWING SHALL APPLY:

16 (1) THE TASK FORCE SHALL MEET AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK.
17 ADDITIONAL MEETINGS MAY BE CALLED BY THE CHAIRPERSON AS
18 NECESSARY. THE CHAIRPERSON SHALL SCHEDULE A MEETING UPON
19 WRITTEN REQUEST OF FOUR MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE.

20 (2) THE FIRST MEETING SHALL BE CONVENED WITHIN 10 DAYS
21 OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS PARAGRAPH.

22 (3) THE TASK FORCE MAY TAKE ACTIONS NECESSARY TO CONFORM
23 TO PUBLIC GATHERING REQUIREMENTS ORDERED OR RECOMMENDED BY
24 THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH OR THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL.

25 (4) THE TASK FORCE SHALL PERMIT THE PUBLIC TO VIEW OR
26 LISTEN TO AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING THROUGH
27 CONTEMPORANEOUS METHODS AND MAKE THE RECORDINGS AVAILABLE ON
28 THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT'S
29 PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE INTERNET WEBSITE.

30 (5) THE TASK FORCE OR AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MAY HOLD

1 PUBLIC HEARINGS IF NECESSARY.

2 (I) EXPENSES.--MEMBERS SHALL NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION BUT
3 SHALL BE REIMBURSED FOR ACTUAL EXPENSES INCURRED IN SERVICE OF
4 THE TASK FORCE.

5 (J) SUPPORT.--THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, THE SENATE, THE
6 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES OF THE
7 PENNSYLVANIA COURTS SHALL PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO THE
8 TASK FORCE OR ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

9 (K) APPLICABILITY.--THE FOLLOWING SHALL APPLY:

10 (1) (I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (II), THE
11 ACT OF FEBRUARY 14, 2008 (P.L.6, NO.3), KNOWN AS THE
12 RIGHT-TO-KNOW LAW, SHALL APPLY TO THE TASK FORCE.

13 (II) CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN A PERSON AND A MEMBER OF
14 THE TASK FORCE AND RECORDS ACCOMPANYING THE
15 CORRESPONDENCE SUBMITTED UNDER SECTION 2104-C(A)(3) SHALL
16 BE EXEMPT FROM ACCESS BY A REQUESTER UNDER THE RIGHT-TO-
17 KNOW LAW. THIS SUBPARAGRAPH SHALL NOT APPLY TO
18 CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN A MEMBER AND A PRINCIPAL OR
19 LOBBYIST UNDER 65 PA.C.S. CH. 13A (RELATING TO LOBBYING).

20 (2) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED UNDER PARAGRAPH (3), THE TASK
21 FORCE SHALL BE DEEMED AN AGENCY FOR THE PURPOSES OF 65
22 PA.C.S. CH. 7 (RELATING TO OPEN MEETINGS).

23 (3) PUBLIC NOTICE OF A MEETING OF THE TASK FORCE SHALL
24 BE MADE BY THE BY THE CHAIRPERSON NO LESS THAN 24 HOURS PRIOR
25 TO A MEETING.

26 (4) A MEMBER OF THE TASK FORCE SHALL BE DEEMED A PUBLIC
27 OFFICIAL FOR THE PURPOSE OF 65 PA.C.S. CH. 11 (RELATING TO
28 ETHICS STANDARDS AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE). A STATEMENT
29 REQUIRED TO BE FILED BY A MEMBER UNDER 65 PA.C.S. § 1104(A)
30 (RELATING TO STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INTERESTS REQUIRED TO BE

1 FILED) DUE TO THE INDIVIDUAL'S MEMBERSHIP ON THE TASK FORCE
2 SHALL BE FILED ONLY WITH THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION.

3 (5) THE TASK FORCE SHALL BE CONSIDERED AN INDEPENDENT
4 AGENCY FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE ACT OF OCTOBER 15, 1980
5 (P.L.950, NO.164), KNOWN AS THE COMMONWEALTH ATTORNEYS ACT.

6 SECTION 2104-C. FUNCTIONS OF TASK FORCE.

7 (A) POWERS.--THE TASK FORCE SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING POWERS:

8 (1) TO REQUEST PERIODIC UPDATES FROM EACH AGENCY UNDER
9 THE GOVERNOR'S JURISDICTION, INDEPENDENT AGENCIES, THE
10 LEGISLATURE AND THE UNIFIED JUDICIAL SYSTEM ON ANY ACTIONS
11 TAKEN IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.

12 (2) TO APPOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEES UNDER SECTION 2103-
13 C(D).

14 (3) TO RECEIVE COMMUNICATIONS FROM INDIVIDUALS,
15 BUSINESSES, NONPROFIT ENTITIES, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND ANY
16 OTHER ENTITY REGARDING ISSUES UNDER SUBSECTION (B)(2).

17 (B) DUTIES.--THE TASK FORCE SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING DUTIES:

18 (1) TO MONITOR AND TRACK THE RESPONSE BY THE
19 COMMONWEALTH TO THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY DURING
20 THE TIME THAT THE ORDER REMAINS ACTIVE, INCLUDING ALL ACTIONS
21 TAKEN UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE ORDER.

22 (2) TO IDENTIFY ISSUES OF IMMEDIATE PUBLIC IMPORTANCE
23 RELATING TO THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY THAT REQUIRE
24 EXECUTIVE, LEGISLATIVE OR JUDICIAL ACTION AND TO MAKE
25 RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE PROPER BRANCH IN A TIMELY FASHION.

26 (3) TO DEVELOP AND SUBMIT A RECOVERY PLAN TO THE
27 EXECUTIVE BRANCH, LEGISLATIVE BRANCH AND JUDICIAL BRANCH OF
28 THE COMMONWEALTH'S GOVERNMENT. A RECOVERY PLAN SHALL INCLUDE
29 A DOCUMENTED, STRUCTURED APPROACH THAT DESCRIBES HOW THE
30 COMMONWEALTH AND ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS CAN EXPEDITIOUSLY

1 RESUME MISSION-CRITICAL FUNCTIONS, INCLUDING THE RESTORATION
2 OF HOUSING, TRANSPORTATION, EDUCATION AND OTHER PUBLIC
3 SERVICES AND ECONOMIC ACTIVITY TO LEVELS EQUAL TO OR BETTER
4 THAN THEIR PREDISASTER STATES THROUGH A SERIES OF SHORT-TERM,
5 INTERMEDIATE AND LONG-TERM STRATEGIES AND ACTIONS. THE
6 RECOVERY PLAN MAY BE BASED IN PART OR IN WHOLE ON THE FEDERAL
7 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY'S RESOURCES FOR RECOVERY PLANNING
8 AND MANAGING RECOVERY.

9 (4) TO MAKE A FINAL REPORT NO LATER THAN SIX MONTHS
10 AFTER THE ORDER IS TERMINATED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER,
11 PROCLAMATION OR OPERATION OF LAW DOCUMENTING ALL OF THE
12 FOLLOWING:

13 (I) ACTIONS TAKEN BY EXECUTIVE AGENCIES UNDER THE
14 ORDER.

15 (II) LEGISLATIVE ENACTMENTS MADE IN RESPONSE TO THE
16 COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.

17 (III) JUDICIAL ORDERS MADE IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-
18 19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.

19 (IV) A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN BY LOCAL
20 GOVERNMENTS IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH
21 EMERGENCY.

22 (V) A DETAILED SUMMARY OF THE ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE
23 TASK FORCE AND EACH ADVISORY COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED UNDER
24 SECTION 2103-C(D).

25 SECTION 2105-C. APPROPRIATION.

26 THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000 IS APPROPRIATED FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO
27 THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR PAYMENT
28 OF REASONABLE EXPENSES UNDER SECTION 2103-C(I). THE
29 APPROPRIATION UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL NOT LAPSE UNTIL THE
30 EXPIRATION OF THIS ARTICLE UNDER SECTION 2106-C. ANY AMOUNT OF

1 THE APPROPRIATION UNEXPENDED OR UNCOMMITTED UPON THE EXPIRATION
2 UNDER SECTION 2106-C SHALL LAPSE.
3 SECTION 2106-C. EXPIRATION.
4 THIS ARTICLE SHALL EXPIRE SIX MONTHS AFTER THE ORDER IS
5 TERMINATED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER, PROCLAMATION OR OPERATION OF LAW.
6 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.