

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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ZABEL AND SCHWEYER, JULY 8, 2020

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, JULY 8, 2020

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), entitled
2 "An act relating to the finances of the State government;
3 providing for cancer control, prevention and research, for
4 ambulatory surgical center data collection, for the Joint
5 Underwriting Association, for entertainment business
6 financial management firms, for private dam financial
7 assurance and for reinstatement of item vetoes; providing for
8 the settlement, assessment, collection, and lien of taxes,
9 bonus, and all other accounts due the Commonwealth, the
10 collection and recovery of fees and other money or property
11 due or belonging to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof,
12 including escheated property and the proceeds of its sale,
13 the custody and disbursement or other disposition of funds
14 and securities belonging to or in the possession of the
15 Commonwealth, and the settlement of claims against the
16 Commonwealth, the resettlement of accounts and appeals to the
17 courts, refunds of moneys erroneously paid to the
18 Commonwealth, auditing the accounts of the Commonwealth and
19 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
33 other moneys to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof,

1 every State depository and every debtor or creditor of the
2 Commonwealth," in emergency COVID-19 response, further
3 providing for use of money; and making an appropriation.

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

6 Section 1. Section 160-C(a) of the act of April 9, 1929
7 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, is amended by
8 adding a paragraph to read:

9 Section 160-C. Use of money.

10 (a) Uses.--The following shall apply:

11 * * *

12 (10.1) Subject to paragraph (11), from money
13 appropriated for COVID relief for county agencies, \$722,000
14 shall be used for making a one-time payment to county
15 agencies as defined under 55 Pa.Code § 3490.4 (relating to
16 definitions) and the county agency's contracted providers for
17 child welfare services, for the purchase of personal
18 protective equipment. All of the following apply:

19 (i) The Department of Human Services shall allocate
20 the payments based upon the percentage of caseworkers per
21 county agency.

22 (ii) The disbursement of payments shall be
23 determined by the Department of Human Services.

24 (iii) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to
25 the contrary, the payment received by a county agency
26 under this paragraph shall not affect the eligibility of,
27 or the amount awarded to, a county agency under any
28 needs-based grant and budget process.

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30 Section 2. The sum of \$722,000, or as much thereof as may be
31 necessary, is appropriated from the COVID-19 Response Restricted

1 Account for COVID Relief to the Department of Human Services for
2 making payments to county agencies under section 160-C(a)(10.1)
3 of the act.

4 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.