

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2901 Session of 2020

INTRODUCED BY FIEDLER, SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, SEPTEMBER 30, 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,
 34 every State depository and every debtor or creditor of the
 35 Commonwealth," in emergency COVID-19 response, further

1 providing for use of money relating to Department of Human
2 Services; and making an appropriation.

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

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

8 Section 160-C. Use of money.

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

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11 (10.1) Subject to paragraph (11), from money
12 appropriated for COVID Relief - Child-Care Services,
13 \$100,000,000 shall be allocated for child care services. The
14 Department of Human Services shall develop criteria for
15 distribution of the appropriation to eligible child care
16 providers using: Child Care Works program data and
17 objectives; the study issued on the economic impacts of child
18 care closures during the proclamation of disaster emergency
19 issued by the Governor on March 6, 2020; viability of
20 providers due to the varying business models, market factors,
21 impacts of the business closure orders, child care deserts or
22 other individual provider circumstances not accounted for in
23 the study; and any other factors deemed relevant by the
24 Department of Human Services.

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26 Section 2. The sum of \$100,000,000, or as much thereof as
27 may be necessary, of Federal money is appropriated from the
28 COVID-19 Response Restricted Account for COVID Relief to the
29 Department of Human Services for the purpose of making payments
30 for child care services under section 160-C(a)(10.1) of the act.

31 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.