

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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REFERRED TO COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT,  
JANUARY 29, 2019

AN ACT

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

1 other moneys to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof,  
2 every State depository and every debtor or creditor of the  
3 Commonwealth," in general budget implementation, further  
4 providing for Department of Community and Economic  
5 Development.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. Section 1719-E(a) of the act of April 9, 1929  
9 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, amended October 30,  
10 2017 (P.L.725, No.44), is amended to read:

11 Section 1719-E. Department of Community and Economic  
12 Development.

13 (a) Appropriations.--The following shall apply to  
14 appropriations for the Department of Community and Economic  
15 Development:

16 (1) No more than 20% of funds appropriated for grants  
17 under the act of May 20, 1949 (P.L.1633, No.493), known as  
18 the Housing and Redevelopment Assistance Law, shall be  
19 allocated to any one political subdivision.

20 (2) [(Reserved).] A grant may not be paid to an entity,  
21 other than a municipality, school district, community  
22 college, institution within the State System of Higher  
23 Education or a State-related university, unless the following  
24 provisions are satisfied:

25 (i) The entity has demonstrated to the satisfaction  
26 of the department that the entity has made reasonable  
27 efforts to obtain funding for the expenses for which the  
28 grant is being requested from other sources and that  
29 there are not other feasible sources of funding available  
30 to the entity for the expenses.

31 (ii) The entity agrees to repay the Commonwealth the  
32 balance of the grant money that is not expended on the

1 purpose for which the grant was awarded.

2 (iii) The entity agrees, in the event the entity  
3 obtains funding from any source after payment of the  
4 grant, to repay the Commonwealth an amount equal to the  
5 funding from the other source up to the amount of the  
6 grant.

7 (iv) The entity agrees, in the event the department  
8 determines that the entity misrepresented the entity's  
9 efforts to obtain funding as provided under subparagraph  
10 (i), to repay the Commonwealth the full amount of the  
11 grant.

12 (v) In the event the entity breaches any of the  
13 duties under subparagraphs (ii), (iii) and (iv), the  
14 department has adopted a procedure for enforcing the  
15 agreement and obtaining repayment from the entity and the  
16 procedure is clearly specified in the agreement.

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