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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

No. 733 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY BROWNE, BOSCOLA AND SCAVELLO, JUNE 7, 2019

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REFERRED TO APPROPRIATIONS, JUNE 7, 2019

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AN ACT

1 Providing for the Pennsylvania Gaming Economic Development and  
2 Tourism Fund Capital Budget for 2019; itemizing projects to  
3 be assisted by the Department of Community and Economic  
4 Development, together with their estimated financial costs;  
5 authorizing recurring payments for certain projects; and  
6 making appropriations.

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

9 Section 1. Short title.

10 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Pennsylvania  
11 Gaming Economic Development and Tourism Fund Capital Budget  
12 Itemization Act of 2019.

13 Section 2. Authorizations from Pennsylvania Gaming Economic  
14 Development and Tourism Fund.

15 Grants for projects, including capital, debt and operational  
16 expenses itemized in section 3 from the current revenues of the  
17 Pennsylvania Gaming Economic Development and Tourism Fund by the  
18 Department of Community and Economic Development, or its  
19 successors or assigns, are hereby authorized pursuant to 4  
20 Pa.C.S. § 1407 (relating to Pennsylvania Gaming Economic

1 Development and Tourism Fund) as specified in this act. The  
2 total amount authorized to be financed under this act from the  
3 revenues of the Pennsylvania Gaming Economic Development and  
4 Tourism Fund shall be \$20,000,000.

5 Section 3. Itemization of Pennsylvania Gaming Economic  
6 Development and Tourism Fund projects.

7 The projects to be financed from the current revenues of the  
8 Pennsylvania Gaming Economic Development and Tourism Fund are  
9 hereby itemized, together with their respective project  
10 allocations, as follows:

11		Project
12	Project	Allocation
13	(1) To a regional economic development	
14	corporation located in two contiguous counties of	
15	the third class where a city of the third class	
16	is located in both counties of the third class	
17	for debt service on the construction of a science	
18	and education center in either of two contiguous	
19	counties of the third class in which a city of	
20	the third class is located in both counties and	
21	where a Category 2 licensed facility is located	
22	in a city of the third class which is located in	
23	more than one county of the third class.	20,000,000

24 (Base Project Allocation - \$20,000,000)

25 (2) (Reserved).

26 Section 4. Duration of payments.

27 Notwithstanding any other provisions of law:

28 (1) The amount allocated to the project described in  
29 section 3(1) shall be paid in annual amounts of not less than  
30 \$2,000,000 for 10 years, subject to section 5.

1 (2) (Reserved).

2 Section 5. Limitation on expenditures.

3 (a) General rule.--Beginning in fiscal year 2019-2020, or  
4 the first fiscal year in which the indebtedness described under  
5 section 3 is incurred, whichever occurs later, it shall be  
6 mandatory, not directory, that payments pursuant to section 4(1)  
7 shall be made each year from the Pennsylvania Gaming Economic  
8 Development and Tourism Fund by the Department of Community and  
9 Economic Development.

10 (b) Proportionate reduction.--In any year that the  
11 Department of Community and Economic Development determines for  
12 any reason that there are not sufficient funds to make the  
13 mandatory payment, the amount of the mandatory payment shall be  
14 proportionately reduced in an amount equal to the shortfall in  
15 the Pennsylvania Gaming Economic Development and Tourism Fund.

16 (c) Total expenditures.--Total expenditures under this act  
17 for the projects referred to in section 4 shall not exceed the  
18 total amount authorized for each project in section 3.

19 Section 6. Limitation on use of allocation.

20 No more than one-tenth of 1% of the amount of a grant  
21 allocated under section 3 may be used for administrative costs  
22 incurred by the regional economic development corporation  
23 described in section 3 for which the allocation was authorized.

24 Section 7. Appropriation.

25 The money in the Pennsylvania Gaming Economic Development and  
26 Tourism Fund is appropriated on a continuing basis to the  
27 Department of Community and Economic Development for the  
28 projects and in the amounts specified under sections 3(1) and  
29 (4) (1).

30 Section 8. Report.

1       The Secretary of the Budget shall, within 10 days of the  
2 expiration of each quarter of each fiscal year, electronically  
3 provide to the chair and minority chair of the Appropriations  
4 Committee of the Senate and the chair and minority chair of the  
5 Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives a  
6 report relating to the authorized projects described in section  
7 3 which includes at least all of the following:

8           (1) The authorized project approved for release in the  
9 preceding quarter.

10          (2) An estimate of the amount of funds remaining  
11 available to be committed for additional projects under 4  
12 Pa.C.S. Pt. II (relating to gaming).

13 Section 9. Effective date.

14 This act shall take effect immediately.