
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT,
AUGUST 11, 2020

AN ACT

1 Creating the Pennsylvania Investment in Economic Stimulus Act.

2 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

3 hereby enacts as follows:

4 Section 1. Short title.

5 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Pennsylvania
6 Investment in Economic Stimulus (PIES) Act.

7 Section 2. Scope.

8 This act provides aid to the residents of this Commonwealth
9 in the wake of the COVID-19 disaster emergency declaration by
10 providing direct payments to qualified adults in this
11 Commonwealth.

12 Section 3. Definitions.

13 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
14 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
15 context clearly indicates otherwise:

16 "CFA." The Commonwealth Financing Authority.

17 "COVID-19 disaster emergency." The proclamation of disaster

1 emergency issued by the Governor on March 6, 2020, published at
2 50 Pa.B. 1644 (March 21, 2020), and any renewal of the state of
3 disaster emergency.

4 "Department." The Department of Revenue of the Commonwealth.

5 "Qualified Commonwealth resident." An individual over 17
6 years of age who, for a period of 90 days:

7 (1) Resides in this Commonwealth.

8 (2) Has legal immigration or citizenship status.

9 (3) Is not currently incarcerated.

10 Section 4. Frozen disbursement.

11 A disbursement not approved by the CFA under 64 Pa.C.S. Ch.
12 15 (relating to Commonwealth Financing Authority) may not be
13 spent except as provided for in this act. All funds within the
14 CFA earmarked for disbursements, including money to be deposited
15 into the CFA accounts, in 2020-2021 shall be calculated and
16 responsibility transferred to the department for preparation of
17 disbursement to Commonwealth residents.

18 Section 5. Duties of department.

19 The department:

20 (1) Shall be responsible for identifying all qualified
21 Commonwealth residents for which the economic stimulus
22 payments shall be dispersed.

23 (2) May utilize State income tax returns for the purpose
24 of identifying qualified individuals and using direct deposit
25 information on file for disbursements.

26 (3) For qualified individuals that do not file State tax
27 returns, shall develop a form for qualified individuals to
28 complete in order to determine eligibility and issue a
29 disbursement.

30 (4) Shall determine the amount of the individual

1 disbursements based on the final calculation of money
2 available in the CFA and disburse the money as equitably as
3 possible.

4 Section 6. Expiration.

5 The act shall expire on May 31, 2021.

6 Section 7. Effective date.

7 This act shall take effect immediately.