
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 400 Session of
2020

INTRODUCED BY BROWNE, OCTOBER 1, 2020

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, OCTOBER 1, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Adopting a temporary rule of the Senate relating solely to
2 amendments to the Supplement to the General Appropriation
3 Bill and other appropriation bills for the fiscal year
4 beginning July 1, 2020, including any amendments offered to
5 or for supplemental appropriations for prior fiscal years.

6 RESOLVED, That the Senate adopt a temporary rule to read:

7 TEMPORARY RULE

8 I. Budget Amendments on Senate Floor

9 1. Floor amendments to the Supplement to the General
10 Appropriation Bill or other General Fund or special fund
11 appropriation bills for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2020,
12 or for any prior fiscal year shall be in order on second or
13 third consideration only.

14 2. Any amendment offered on the floor of the Senate to the
15 Supplement to the General Appropriation Bill or other General
16 Fund or special fund appropriation bills or other budget
17 implementing legislation (which collectively comprises and shall
18 be referred to as the 2020-2021 Budget) that proposes spending
19 from the General Fund or any special fund for the Commonwealth
20 2020-2021 fiscal year, or any prior fiscal year, at a level

1 different from the amount contained in the 2020-2021 Budget as
2 reported from the Appropriations Committee shall not be in order
3 and may not be considered unless the amendment contains
4 sufficient revisions or reductions to that 2020-2021 Budget so
5 that the amendment does not result in a net increase to the
6 total spending and yields a balanced budget based on current and
7 projected revenues. Where a proposed alteration in the
8 Supplement to the General Appropriation Bill is balanced, in
9 whole or in part, by a change in other appropriation bills or
10 other budget implementing legislation, the amendment shall have
11 appended thereto a "statement of intent" setting forth the
12 proposed adjustment to the other appropriation bill or bills
13 that will result in no net increase in the total spending from
14 the General Fund or any special fund contained within the 2020-
15 2021 Budget as reported from the Appropriations Committee.

16 3. For the purpose of this temporary rule, the Legislative
17 Reference Bureau, in drafting any amendment to the Supplement to
18 the General Appropriation Bill or any other appropriation bill,
19 shall append the "statement of intent" required for a proposal
20 which involves more than one bill.

21 II. Suspension

22 This temporary rule may be temporarily suspended only by a
23 vote of the majority of the members elected to the Senate.

24 III. Expiration

25 This temporary rule shall expire upon the enactment of the
26 Supplement to the General Appropriation Act for the fiscal year
27 beginning July 1, 2020.