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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY,  
APRIL 18, 2022

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AN ACT

1 Providing for annual report on flooding and stream restoration  
2 in this Commonwealth.

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

5 Section 1. Short title.

6 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Flooding and  
7 Stream Restoration Information Act.

8 Section 2. Definitions.

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

12 "Department." The Department of Environmental Protection of  
13 the Commonwealth.

14 Section 3. Annual report on flooding and stream restoration.

15 (a) Submission.--No later than January 1, 2023, and each  
16 January 1 thereafter, the department shall issue a report on  
17 flooding and stream restoration in this Commonwealth to all of

1 the following:

2 (1) The General Assembly.

3 (2) The chairperson and minority chairperson of the  
4 Appropriations Committee of the Senate.

5 (3) The chairperson and minority chairperson of the  
6 Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives.

7 (4) The chairperson and minority chairperson of the  
8 Environmental Resources and Energy Committee of the Senate.

9 (5) The chairperson and minority chairperson of the  
10 Environmental Resources and Energy Committee of the House of  
11 Representatives.

12 (b) Information.--The department shall include all of the  
13 following information in the report under subsection (a):

14 (1) A detailed analysis of the department's efforts to  
15 mitigate flooding in this Commonwealth.

16 (2) The amount in dollars of property damage caused by  
17 flooding in this Commonwealth.

18 (3) The number of permits issued by the department to  
19 specifically address flooding and stream restoration in this  
20 Commonwealth.

21 (4) The amount in dollars expended by the department or  
22 awarded in grants by the department to address flooding and  
23 stream restoration within this Commonwealth, including  
24 information regarding how this money was provided to various  
25 regions of the Commonwealth and the types of projects that  
26 were funded by the money.

27 (5) The bridges that have collapsed due to flooding in  
28 this Commonwealth.

29 (6) Information regarding:

30 (i) the average time it takes the department to

1 issue or deny a permit related to flooding or stream  
2 maintenance and restoration;

3 (ii) a permit related to flooding or stream  
4 maintenance for which the department has taken more than  
5 60 days to issue or deny within the past year; and

6 (iii) the reasons for which the department has  
7 denied a permit related to flooding or stream maintenance  
8 and restoration within the past year.

9 Section 4. Effective date.

10 This act shall take effect in 60 days.