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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT,
APRIL 11, 2022

AN ACT

1 Providing for the Pennsylvania Recreational Infrastructure
2 Revitalization Program, for definitions, for purpose of
3 program establishment, for program and for program operation;
4 imposing duties on the Department of Conservation and Natural
5 Resources; and making an appropriation.

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

8 Section 1. Short title.

9 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Pennsylvania
10 Recreational Infrastructure Revitalization Act.

11 Section 2. Definitions.

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

15 "Department." The Department of Conservation and Natural
16 Resources of the Commonwealth.

17 "Municipality." A county, city, borough, incorporated town,
18 township or home rule municipality.

1 "Program." The Pennsylvania Recreational Infrastructure
2 Revitalization Program established under section 3.

3 "Recreational infrastructure." Construction or renovation of
4 baseball fields and other fields used for sporting or
5 recreational purposes, basketball courts, buildings used for
6 sporting or recreational purposes, community gardens,
7 landscaping, parks, playgrounds, sidewalks, swimming pools,
8 tennis courts, trails, tracks and other sporting and
9 recreational grounds and facilities.

10 Section 3. Purpose of program establishment.

11 The department shall establish the Pennsylvania Recreational
12 Infrastructure Revitalization Program to provide funding for the
13 improvement and revitalization of community recreational grounds
14 and facilities located throughout this Commonwealth.

15 Section 4. Program.

16 The department shall utilize money it receives from the
17 Federal Government under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021
18 (Public Law 117-2, 135 Stat. 4) for the program. Under the
19 program, grants shall be provided to municipalities for
20 recreational infrastructure.

21 Section 5. Program operation.

22 The program shall:

23 (1) operate for a period of five years or until the
24 disbursement of the remaining funds has occurred; and

25 (2) begin no later than one year after the effective
26 date of this section.

27 Section 6. Duties of department.

28 (a) Guidelines, procedures and requirements.--Before the
29 program begins, the department shall establish guidelines,
30 procedures and requirements for the program, including the

1 following:

2 (1) Eligibility criteria to participate in the program.

3 (2) An application process for the program.

4 (3) Maximum grant amounts.

5 (4) A uniform procedure to report data and information
6 about the operation of the program to the department.

7 (5) An evaluation and review of the program.

8 (b) Evaluation and review.--No later than six months after
9 the program ceases operations, the department shall:

10 (1) issue an evaluation and review of the program;

11 (2) transmit a notice of the evaluation to the
12 Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in the
13 Pennsylvania Bulletin; and

14 (3) post the evaluation on the department's publicly
15 accessible Internet website.

16 Section 7. Appropriation.

17 The sum of \$500,000,000 is appropriated to the program from
18 money received by the Commonwealth from the Federal Government
19 under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Public Law 117-2,
20 135 Stat. 4).

21 Section 8. Effective date.

22 This act shall take effect in 60 days.