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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

No. 679 Session of  
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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 18, 1984 (P.L.1005, No.205),  
2 entitled "An act mandating actuarial funding standards for  
3 all municipal pension systems; establishing a recovery  
4 program for municipal pension systems determined to be  
5 financially distressed; providing for the distribution of the  
6 tax on the premiums of foreign fire insurance companies; and  
7 making repeals," in revisions applicable to municipal pension  
8 fund financing, further providing for revision of financing  
9 from State revenue sources, general municipal pension system  
10 state aid program; and, in foreign fire insurance tax  
11 distribution, further providing for definitions.

12 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
13 hereby enacts as follows:

14 Section 1. Section 402 of the act of December 18, 1984  
15 (P.L.1005, No.205), known as the Municipal Pension Plan Funding  
16 Standard and Recovery Act, is amended by adding a subsection to  
17 read:

18 Section 402. Revision of financing from State revenue sources;  
19 General Municipal Pension System State Aid Program.

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21 (k) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following  
22 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this  
23 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

1     "Municipality." For the purposes of this section, the term  
2 includes a regional planning commission that meets all of the  
3 following:

4             (1) Is not part of a county government.

5             (2) Has a separate pensions system for employees of the  
6 regional planning commission.

7             (3) Has employees who are not county employees.

8     Section 2. The definition of "municipality" in section 702  
9 of the act is amended to read:

10 Section 702. Definitions.

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

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15     "Municipality." Any city, borough, incorporated town,  
16 township or other similar unit of government created pursuant to  
17 the act of April 13, 1972 (P.L.184, No.62), known as the Home  
18 Rule Charter and Optional Plans Law, and the act of April 21,  
19 1949 (P.L.665, No.155), known as the First Class City Home Rule  
20 Act. The term includes a regional planning commission that:

21             (1) Is not part of a county government.

22             (2) Has a separate pensions system for employees of the  
23 regional planning commission.

24             (3) Has employees who are not county employees.

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26     Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.