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REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, APRIL 21, 2022

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), entitled  
2 "An act relating to the finances of the State government;  
3 providing for cancer control, prevention and research, for  
4 ambulatory surgical center data collection, for the Joint  
5 Underwriting Association, for entertainment business  
6 financial management firms, for private dam financial  
7 assurance and for reinstatement of item vetoes; providing for  
8 the settlement, assessment, collection, and lien of taxes,  
9 bonus, and all other accounts due the Commonwealth, the  
10 collection and recovery of fees and other money or property  
11 due or belonging to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof,  
12 including escheated property and the proceeds of its sale,  
13 the custody and disbursement or other disposition of funds  
14 and securities belonging to or in the possession of the  
15 Commonwealth, and the settlement of claims against the  
16 Commonwealth, the resettlement of accounts and appeals to the  
17 courts, refunds of moneys erroneously paid to the  
18 Commonwealth, auditing the accounts of the Commonwealth and  
19 all agencies thereof, of all public officers collecting  
20 moneys payable to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof,  
21 and all receipts of appropriations from the Commonwealth,  
22 authorizing the Commonwealth to issue tax anticipation notes  
23 to defray current expenses, implementing the provisions of  
24 section 7(a) of Article VIII of the Constitution of  
25 Pennsylvania authorizing and restricting the incurring of  
26 certain debt and imposing penalties; affecting every  
27 department, board, commission, and officer of the State  
28 government, every political subdivision of the State, and  
29 certain officers of such subdivisions, every person,  
30 association, and corporation required to pay, assess, or  
31 collect taxes, or to make returns or reports under the laws  
32 imposing taxes for State purposes, or to pay license fees or  
33 other moneys to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof,

1 every State depository and every debtor or creditor of the  
2 Commonwealth," providing for refugee resettlement;  
3 establishing the New Neighbors Account; and making a  
4 transfer.

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

7 Section 1. The act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known  
8 as The Fiscal Code, is amended by adding an article to read:

9 ARTICLE I-K

10 REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT

11 Section 101-K. Definitions.

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

15 "Account." The New Neighbors Account established under  
16 section 102-K.

17 "Department." The Department of Human Services of this  
18 Commonwealth.

19 "Refugee." An individual who:

20 (1) is outside a country of the individual's  
21 nationality; or

22 (2) for an individual having no nationality, is:

23 (i) outside a country in which the individual last  
24 habitually resided;

25 (ii) unable or unwilling to return to the country  
26 under subparagraph (i); and

27 (iii) unable or unwilling to accept the protection  
28 of the country under subparagraph (i) because of  
29 persecution or a well-founded fear of persecution on  
30 account of the individual's race, religion, nationality,  
31 membership in a particular social group or political  
32 opinion.

1 "Refugee Resettlement Program." The Commonwealth's Refugee  
2 Resettlement Program created under section 412 of the Refugee  
3 Act of 1980 (Public Law 96-212, 8 U.S.C. § 1522).

4 "Service provider." A service provider in the Refugee  
5 Resettlement Program.

6 Section 102-K. New Neighbors Account.

7 The New Neighbors Account is established as a restricted  
8 account in the General Fund. The account shall consist of money  
9 appropriated or transferred to the account and interest accrued  
10 on the money. Money in the account is appropriated to the  
11 department for the purposes of this article and shall not lapse.

12 Section 103-K. Transfer.

13 The sum of \$2,000,000 is transferred from the General Fund to  
14 the account for the department to extend and expand the services  
15 offered through the Refugee Resettlement Program for refugees  
16 and family members. The services may include housing support and  
17 coordination, education and language support, counseling  
18 services and employment and certification training and  
19 resources.

20 Section 104-K. Supplemental grants.

21 The department may award supplemental grants to service  
22 providers in the Refugee Resettlement Program to provide the  
23 services and support under section 103-K. Supplemental grant  
24 awards must meet each of the following:

25 (1) Be based upon a completed application approved by  
26 the department.

27 (2) Be awarded to service providers in the order in  
28 which the department receives completed and approved  
29 applications.

30 (3) Be limited to a maximum of \$200,000 per service

1 provider.

2 (4) Only be awarded to the extent funds are  
3 appropriated.

4 Section 105-K. Reporting.

5 (a) Service provider requirement.--Each service provider  
6 that receives a supplemental grant under section 104-K shall  
7 submit an interim report and a final report to the department.

8 (b) Interim report.--The interim report shall be submitted  
9 six months from receipt of the supplemental grant and shall  
10 include each of the following:

11 (1) Amount of supplemental grant award and the amount of  
12 the grant expended as of the submission date of the report.

13 (2) Number of individuals served.

14 (3) County of residence of served refugees.

15 (4) Frequency of and location of services provided.

16 (5) Types of services provided, including the date of  
17 service delivery and the type and name of the service  
18 provider.

19 (6) Challenges to providing services and anticipated  
20 needs for the remaining grant period.

21 (c) Final report.--The final report shall be submitted six  
22 months from the submission of the interim report under  
23 subsection (b) and shall include:

24 (1) The reporting requirements under subsection (b).

25 (2) Identification of any additional needed supports for  
26 recipients of the Refugee Resettlement Program.

27 (3) Any additional criteria as determined by the  
28 department.

29 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.