

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 29 Session of 2021

INTRODUCED BY BROWNE, FEBRUARY 22, 2021

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, FEBRUARY 22, 2021

A RESOLUTION

1 Adopting a temporary rule of the Senate relating solely to
2 amendments to Supplements to the General Appropriation Bill
3 and other appropriation bills for the fiscal year beginning
4 July 1, 2020, and the General Appropriation Bill and other
5 appropriation bills for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
6 2021, including any amendments offered to or for supplemental
7 appropriations for prior fiscal years.

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

9 TEMPORARY RULE

10 I. Budget Amendments on Senate Floor to Supplements
11 to the General Appropriation Bill for the Fiscal Year
12 Beginning July 1, 2020

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

18 2. Any amendment offered on the floor of the Senate to any
19 Supplement to the General Appropriation Bill or other General
20 Fund or special fund appropriation bills or other budget
21 implementing legislation (which collectively comprises and shall

1 be referred to as the 2020-2021 Budget) that proposes spending
2 from the General Fund or any special fund for the Commonwealth
3 2020-2021 fiscal year, or any prior fiscal year, at a level
4 different from the amount contained in the 2020-2021 Budget as
5 reported from the Appropriations Committee shall not be in order
6 and may not be considered unless the amendment contains
7 sufficient revisions or reductions to that 2020-2021 Budget so
8 that the amendment does not result in a net increase to the
9 total spending and yields a balanced budget based on current and
10 projected revenues. Where a proposed alteration in any
11 Supplement to the General Appropriation Bill is balanced, in
12 whole or in part, by a change in other appropriation bills or
13 other budget implementing legislation, the amendment shall have
14 appended thereto a "statement of intent" setting forth the
15 proposed adjustment to the other appropriation bill or bills
16 that will result in no net increase in the total spending from
17 the General Fund or any special fund contained within the 2020-
18 2021 Budget as reported from the Appropriations Committee.

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

24 II. Budget Amendments on Senate Floor to the
25 General Appropriation Bill and Other Appropriation
26 Bills for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2021

27 1. Floor amendments to the General Appropriation Bill or
28 other General Fund or special fund appropriation bills for the
29 fiscal year commencing July 1, 2021, or for any prior fiscal
30 year shall be in order on second or third consideration only.

1 2. Any amendment offered on the floor of the Senate to the
2 General Appropriation Bill or other General Fund or special fund
3 appropriation bills or other budget implementing legislation
4 (which collectively comprises and shall be referred to as the
5 2021-2022 Budget) that proposes spending from the General Fund
6 or any special fund for the Commonwealth 2021-2022 fiscal year,
7 or any prior fiscal year, at a level different from the amount
8 contained in the 2021-2022 Budget as reported from the
9 Appropriations Committee shall not be in order and may not be
10 considered unless the amendment contains sufficient revisions or
11 reductions to that 2021-2022 Budget so that the amendment does
12 not result in a net increase to the total spending and yields a
13 balanced budget based on current and projected revenues. Where a
14 proposed alteration in the General Appropriation Bill is
15 balanced, in whole or in part, by a change in other
16 appropriation bills or other budget implementing legislation,
17 the amendment shall have appended thereto a "statement of
18 intent" setting forth the proposed adjustment to the other
19 appropriation bill or bills that will result in no net increase
20 in the total spending from the General Fund or any special fund
21 contained within the 2021-2022 Budget as reported from the
22 Appropriations Committee.

23 3. For the purpose of this temporary rule, the Legislative
24 Reference Bureau, in drafting any amendment to the General
25 Appropriation Bill or any other appropriation bill, shall append
26 the "statement of intent" required for a proposal which involves
27 more than one bill.

28 III. Suspension

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

IV. Expiration

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2 This temporary rule shall expire upon the enactment of a
3 General Appropriation Act for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
4 2021.