
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1455 Session of
2013

INTRODUCED BY TALLMAN, AUMENT, BARRAR, BLOOM, CALTAGIRONE,
CUTLER, DENLINGER, FEE, GILLESPIE, GROVE, KAUFFMAN, MENTZER,
MILLER, MOUL, REGAN AND SWANGER, MAY 30, 2013

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES, MAY 30, 2013

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), entitled "An
2 act to consolidate, editorially revise, and codify the public
3 welfare laws of the Commonwealth," further providing for
4 allocation.

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

7 Section 1. Section 1405-B(a) of the act of June 13, 1967
8 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Public Welfare Code, added June
9 30, 2012 (P.L.668, No.80), is amended to read:

10 Section 1405-B. Allocation.

11 (a) Allocation.--The department shall allocate State block
12 grant funds to counties as follows:

13 [(1) The department shall allocate State block grant
14 funds according to each county's proportional share of the
15 aggregate amount of the following State funds allocated for
16 fiscal year 2011-2012:

17 (i) Funds allocated to counties under the act of
18 October 5, 1994 (P.L.531, No.78), known as the Human

1 Services Development Fund Act.

2 (ii) Funds allocated to counties for mental health
3 and intellectual disability services under the act of
4 October 20, 1966 (3rd Sp.Sess., P.L.96, No.6), known as
5 the Mental Health and Intellectual Disability Act of
6 1966.

7 (iii) Funds allocated to counties for behavioral
8 health services.

9 (iv) Funds allocated to counties for drug and
10 alcohol services under section 2334 of the act of April
11 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative
12 Code of 1929.

13 (v) Funds allocated to counties for the provision of
14 services to the homeless.

15 (vi) Funds allocated to county child welfare
16 agencies as certain additional grants under section
17 704.1(b).]

18 (1) The department shall allocate State block grant
19 funds according to the following formula:

20 (i) Seventy-five percent based on county population.

21 (ii) Five percent based on population growth from
22 2000-2011 for those counties whose population growth was
23 above the State average.

24 (iii) Five percent based on poverty for those
25 counties whose level of poverty is above the State
26 average.

27 (iv) Five percent based on unemployment rate for
28 those counties whose unemployment rate is above the State
29 average.

30 (v) Five percent based on the square miles in the

1 county.

2 (vi) Five percent shall be allocated to a separate
3 dedicated account to be used specifically for counties
4 experiencing a distinct emergency that causes a budget
5 shortfall.

6 (2) The department shall allocate Federal block grant
7 funds to counties according to each county's fiscal year
8 2011-2012 proportional share of each Federal appropriation
9 associated with the funds identified in paragraph (1).

10 (3) Funds identified in paragraphs (1) and (2) that were
11 allocated to county local collaborative arrangements shall be
12 allocated to individual counties based on the individual
13 county population.

14 (4) The department may revise the allocation of Federal
15 funds identified in paragraph (2) as necessary to comply with
16 applicable Federal requirements.

17 * * *

18 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.