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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, APRIL 4, 2022

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

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

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

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

10 ARTICLE I-K

11 REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT

12 Section 101-K. Definitions.

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

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

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

20 "Refugee." An individual who:

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

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

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

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

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

1 opinion.

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

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

7 Section 102-K. New Neighbors Account.

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

13 Section 103-K. Transfer.

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

21 Section 104-K. Supplemental grants.

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

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

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

1 (3) Be limited to a maximum of \$200,000 per service
2 provider.

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

5 Section 105-K. Reporting.

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

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

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

14 (2) Number of individuals served.

15 (3) County of residence of served refugees.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

30 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.