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AN ACT

1 Establishing a task force on digital currency and the impact on
2 widespread use of cryptocurrency and other forms of digital
3 currencies in this Commonwealth.

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

6 Section 1. Short title.

7 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Digital
8 Currency Task Force Act.

9 Section 2. Definitions.

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

13 "Digital currency." A form of currency that exists only in
14 digital or electronic form. The term includes cryptocurrency.

15 "Task force." The Digital Currency Task Force established
16 under section 3.

17 Section 3. Digital Currency Task Force.

18 (a) Establishment.--The Digital Currency Task Force is

1 established to study the use of digital currencies in this
2 Commonwealth.

3 (b) Duties.--The task force shall:

4 (1) Review the following:

5 (i) The use of digital currency, cryptocurrency and
6 blockchain industries in this Commonwealth.

7 (ii) The number of currencies currently being traded
8 and their approximate percentage of market share.

9 (iii) The number of exchanges operating in this
10 Commonwealth and their average monthly trade volume.

11 (iv) The use of digital currencies and the impact on
12 State and local tax receipts.

13 (v) The types of investment entities that are large
14 investors in digital currency.

15 (vi) The necessary requirements for coin mining
16 operations and other policy considerations.

17 (vii) The transparency of the digital currency
18 marketplace and the related potential market manipulation
19 and other illegal activities.

20 (viii) The laws and regulations on digital currency
21 used by the Federal Government, other states, foreign
22 countries and foreign political and economic unions to
23 regulate the marketplace.

24 (ix) Legislative and regulatory recommendations to
25 increase transparency and security, enhance consumer
26 protections and to address the long-term impact on the
27 use of cryptocurrency.

28 (2) Hold public hearings for the taking of testimony and
29 the requesting of documents.

30 Section 4. Composition and meetings.

1 (a) Composition.--The task force shall be comprised of the
2 following members:

3 (1) Two members appointed by the Governor, one of whom
4 shall be appointed chairperson by the Governor.

5 (2) The Secretary of Banking and Securities or a
6 designee.

7 (3) The Secretary of Revenue or a designee.

8 (4) Four members of the Senate, as follows:

9 (i) Two members appointed by the President pro
10 tempore of the Senate.

11 (ii) Two members appointed by the Minority Leader of
12 the Senate.

13 (5) Four members of the House of Representatives, as
14 follows:

15 (i) Two members appointed by the Speaker of the
16 House of Representatives.

17 (ii) Two members appointed by the Minority Leader of
18 the House of Representatives.

19 (b) Appointment.--The members of the task force shall be
20 appointed within 20 days of the effective date of this
21 subsection.

22 (c) Quorum.--The physical presence of a majority of the
23 members of the task force shall constitute a quorum.

24 (d) Majority vote.--An action of the task force shall be
25 authorized or ratified by a majority vote of its members.

26 (e) Meetings.--The task force shall meet as necessary but no
27 fewer than five times during the period ending two months prior
28 to the issuance date of the report under section 6. The first
29 meeting shall be convened within 45 days following the effective
30 date of this subsection. Additional meetings may be called by

1 the chairperson as necessary. The chairperson shall schedule a
2 meeting upon written request of six members of the task force. A
3 member not physically present may participate by teleconference
4 or video conference.

5 (f) Compensation.--Members of the task force shall serve
6 without compensation but may be reimbursed for actual and
7 necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their official
8 duties.

9 Section 5. Hearings and agency cooperation.

10 The task force may hold public hearings as necessary to
11 obtain the information required to conduct its review. The
12 Department of Banking and Securities and the Department of
13 Revenue shall cooperate to provide administrative or other
14 assistance as needed to the task force.

15 Section 6. Report.

16 The task force shall prepare and submit a final report on its
17 activities, findings and recommendations to the Governor, the
18 Senate and the House of Representatives two months prior to the
19 expiration date of this act. The task force may file status
20 reports and updates with the Governor, the Senate and the House
21 of Representatives as it deems appropriate. A report under this
22 section shall be adopted at the public meeting and shall be a
23 public record under the act of February 14, 2008 (P.L.6, No.3),
24 known as the Right-to-Know Law.

25 Section 7. Expiration.

26 This act shall expire three years after the effective date of
27 this section.

28 Section 8. Effective date.

29 This act shall take effect in 30 days.