

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY STRUZZI, DUNBAR, SAYLOR, B. MILLER, RYAN, IRVIN, KEEFER, ZIMMERMAN, MILLARD, WHEELAND, SIMMONS, NELSON AND HERSHEY, MARCH 18, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, MARCH 18, 2019

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled
 2 "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the
 3 executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the
 4 Executive Department thereof and the administrative
 5 departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof,
 6 including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or
 7 Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or
 8 authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative
 9 departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and
 10 duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative
 11 officers, and of the several administrative departments,
 12 boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the
 13 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive
 14 and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of
 15 certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and
 16 other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards,
 17 and commissions; providing for judicial administration; and
 18 prescribing the manner in which the number and compensation
 19 of the deputies and all other assistants and employes of
 20 certain departments, boards and commissions shall be
 21 determined," in Commonwealth budget procedures, further
 22 providing for transmission of budget information to the
 23 General Assembly.

24 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
 25 hereby enacts as follows:

26 Section 1. Section 619 of the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177,
 27 No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, is amended by
 28 adding a subsection to read:

1 Section 619. Transmission of Budget Information to the
2 General Assembly.--* * *

3 (a.1) (1) After December 1 and no later than the date of
4 the Governor's briefing under subsection (a), the Secretary of
5 the Budget shall evaluate the official revenue estimate for the
6 fiscal year in comparison to year-to-date revenue collections
7 and updated projections of collections for the remainder of the
8 fiscal year and shall project the difference between the
9 official revenue estimate for the fiscal year and the year-to-
10 date revenue collections plus updated projections of collections
11 for the remainder of the fiscal year. The Secretary of the
12 Budget shall provide documentation of the projection under this
13 paragraph to the chairperson and minority chairperson of the
14 Appropriations Committee of the Senate and the chairperson and
15 minority chairperson of the Appropriations Committee of the
16 House of Representatives.

17 (2) If the Secretary of the Budget projects that the updated
18 projection of actual revenue collections for the fiscal year
19 will be less than the official revenue estimate for the fiscal
20 year, the Secretary of the Budget shall disapprove or reduce
21 amounts under section 615 from the departments, boards and
22 commissions to which section 615 applies in an amount equal to
23 the projected difference.

24 (3) After the revenue conference under section 608-B, the
25 Secretary of the Budget shall revise the projection of the
26 difference under clause (1) and shall ensure that the amounts
27 disapproved or reduced under clause (2) are no less than the
28 revised estimate of the difference under clause (1), at least
29 once per month until the end of the fiscal year.

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1 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019, or
2 immediately, whichever is later.