THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 118   Session of 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Adopting a temporary rule of the Senate relating solely to
2   amendments to the General Appropriation Bill and other
3   appropriation bills for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
4   2013, including any amendments offered to or for supplemental
5   appropriations for prior fiscal years.

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

7   TEMPORARY RULE

8   I. Budget Amendments on Senate Floor

9   1. Floor amendments to the General Appropriation Bill or

10 other General Fund or special fund appropriation bills for the

11 fiscal year commencing July 1, 2013, or for any prior fiscal

12 year, shall be in order on second or third consideration only.

13   2. Any amendment offered on the floor of the Senate to the

14 General Appropriation Bill or other General Fund or special fund

15 appropriation bills or other budget implementing legislation

16 (which collectively comprises and shall be referred to as the

17 2013-2014 Budget) that proposes spending from the General Fund

18 or any special fund for the Commonwealth 2013-2014 fiscal year,

19 or any prior fiscal year, at a level different from the amount

1 contained in the 2013-2014 Budget as reported from the

2 Appropriations Committee shall not be in order and may not be

3 considered unless the amendment contains sufficient revisions or

4 reductions to that 2013-2014 Budget so that the amendment does

5 not result in a net increase to the total spending and yields a

6 balanced budget based on current and projected revenues. Where a

7 proposed alteration in the General Appropriation Bill is

8 balanced, in whole or in part, by a change in other

9 appropriation bills or other budget implementing legislation,

10 the amendment shall have appended thereto a "statement of

11 intent" setting forth the proposed adjustment to the other

12 appropriation bill or bills that will result in no net increase

13 in the total spending from the General Fund or any special fund

14 contained within the 2013-2014 Budget as reported from the

15 Appropriations Committee.

16   3. For the purpose of this temporary rule, the Legislative

17 Reference Bureau, in drafting any amendment to the General

18 Appropriation Bill or any other appropriation bill, shall append

19 the "statement of intent" required for a proposal which involves

20 more than one bill.

21   4. Any amendment offered on the floor of the Senate

22 proposing to make reductions in the following appropriations

23 shall be out of order unless the amendment provides for a

24 revision not contrary to ~~the~~ FEDERAL OR STATE statutes governing **<--**

25 such programs:

26   (a) Medical assistance outpatient.

27   (b) Medical assistance inpatient.

28   (c) Medical assistance capitation.

29   (d) Long-term care.

30   (e) Supplemental Security Income - aged, blind, disabled.

1   (f)   School employees' retirement.

2   (g)   Transfer to Commonwealth Financing Agency.

3   II. Amendments in Appropriations Committee

4   1.   Any amendment offered in the Appropriations Committee to

5   the General Appropriation Bill proposing to make reductions in

6   the following appropriations shall be out of order unless the

7   amendment provides for a revision not contrary to ~~the~~ FEDERAL OR **<--**

8   STATE statutes governing such programs:

9   (a)   Medical assistance outpatient.

10   (b)   Medical assistance inpatient.

11   (c)   Medical assistance capitation.

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13   (e)   Supplemental Security Income - aged, blind, disabled.

14   (f)   School employees' retirement.

15   (g)   Transfer to Commonwealth Financing Agency.

16   III. Suspension

17   This temporary rule may be temporarily suspended only by a

18   vote of the majority of the members elected to the Senate.

19   IV. Expiration

20   This temporary rule shall expire upon the enactment of a

21   General Appropriation Act for the fiscal year beginning July 1,

22   2013.