

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY GROVE, STRUZZI, E. NELSON, DELOZIER, LAWRENCE, ADAMS, SMITH, BERNSTINE, HAMM, MARCELL, STAATS, KAUFFMAN AND ECKER, MAY 10, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, MAY 10, 2023

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 revenue estimates.

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

25 Section 1. Section 618(a) of the act of April 9, 1929
 26 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, is
 27 amended to read:

1 Section 618. Revenue Estimates.--(a) (1) The Department of
2 Revenue in conjunction with the Secretary of the Budget shall
3 make revenue estimates for the use of the Governor in preparing
4 the budget with periodic revisions until the final estimate is
5 signed by the Governor not later than the time [he signs] the
6 general appropriation bill becomes law. The revenue estimates
7 used [to sign] in conjunction with any appropriation bill shall
8 show separately State revenues, Federal funds, and, if
9 specifically appropriated, funds from other sources. [The]

10 (2) If the Governor signs an appropriation bill, the
11 Governor shall item veto any part [of any appropriation bill]
12 that causes total appropriations to exceed the official revenue
13 estimate plus any unappropriated surplus.

14 (3) If the general appropriation bill becomes law without
15 the approval of the Governor and the amount appropriated in the
16 general appropriation bill and other appropriation bills exceeds
17 the official revenue estimate plus any unappropriated surplus,
18 the following shall apply:

19 (i) The Secretary of the Budget shall, no later than the
20 time that the general appropriation bill becomes law, disapprove
21 or reduce amounts under section 615 from the departments, boards
22 and commissions to which section 615 applies which cause the
23 total appropriations to exceed the official revenue estimate
24 plus any unappropriated surplus.

25 (ii) Except as provided under subparagraph (iii), at no time
26 during a fiscal year when this paragraph applies may the total
27 amount disapproved or reduced under this paragraph be less than
28 the total amount disapproved or reduced under this paragraph at
29 the time the general appropriation bill becomes law.

30 (iii) During a fiscal year in which this subparagraph

1 applies, if a change in a statute affecting revenues and
2 receipts is enacted that results in a change in a revenue
3 estimate, the amounts disapproved or reduced under this
4 paragraph may be revised to account for the additional revenue.

5 (4) No changes in the [revenue estimates] official revenue
6 estimate shall be made thereafter unless changes in statutes
7 affecting revenues and receipts are enacted.

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9 Section 2. This act shall apply to general appropriation
10 acts enacted after the effective date of this section.

11 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.