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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, OCTOBER 19, 2023

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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 disposition of Commonwealth surplus land,  
22 further providing for annual property survey.

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

25 Section 1. Section 2402-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 2402-A. Annual Property Survey.--(a) The department  
2 shall distribute to all agencies, not later than January 1 of  
3 each year, a request to compile information on all State-owned  
4 real property[.], to which the following shall apply:

5 (1) The survey shall require the agency, for each parcel of  
6 real property, within its jurisdiction, to identify its  
7 location, size, current use, the presence of any buildings or  
8 other improvements, the condition of all buildings and  
9 improvements and other relevant property attribute data.

10 (2) The survey shall require the agency to identify any  
11 property currently surplus to the needs of the agency.

12 (3) The survey shall require the agency, for each surplus  
13 property identified under paragraph (2), in consultation with  
14 the Department of Community and Economic Development, to assess  
15 the surplus property's affordable housing development potential  
16 for very low-income households, low-income households or middle-  
17 income households.

18 (b) (1) Agencies shall send to the department, not later  
19 than March 1 of each year, completed annual property surveys.

20 (2) The department shall compile and consolidate the agency  
21 surveys and send a copy of the compilation to the Chairmen and  
22 Minority Chairmen of the House and Senate State Government  
23 Committees or their successor committees.

24 (3) In compiling and consolidating the agency surveys, the  
25 department shall include categories for surplus properties  
26 suitable for affordable housing development and surplus  
27 properties not suitable for affordable housing development.

28 (c) For all real property identified as surplus by an  
29 agency, the department shall determine whether any other  
30 agencies have an appropriate use for the property. If it is

1 desirable and appropriate to transfer to another agency property  
2 that has been deemed surplus by the administering agency  
3 currently using the property, the department shall prepare a  
4 plan for transfer of the property. Upon approval of the transfer  
5 plan by the General Counsel and the Secretary of Budget and  
6 Administration, use of the property shall be transferred to the  
7 agency that can make the best use of the property.

8 (d) The following words and phrases when used in this  
9 section shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection  
10 unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

11 "Affordable housing." Housing in which the occupant is  
12 paying no more than 30% of gross income for housing costs,  
13 including utilities.

14 "Low-income household." A single individual, family or  
15 unrelated individuals living together whose collective income is  
16 equal to more than 50%, but does not exceed 80%, of the median  
17 gross household income for households of the same size within  
18 the housing region in which the housing is located.

19 "Middle-income household." A single individual, family or  
20 unrelated individuals living together whose collective income is  
21 equal to more than 80%, but less than 120%, of the median gross  
22 household income for households of the same size within the  
23 housing region in which the housing is located.

24 "Very low-income household." A single individual, family or  
25 unrelated individuals living together whose collective income  
26 does not exceed 50% of the median gross household income for  
27 households of the same size within the housing region in which  
28 the housing is located.

29 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.