THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1824 Session of 2021

INTRODUCED BY DeLUCA, AUGUST 31, 2021

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, AUGUST 31, 2021

AN ACT

Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), entitled "An act relating to the finances of the State government; 2 providing for cancer control, prevention and research, for 3 ambulatory surgical center data collection, for the Joint 4 Underwriting Association, for entertainment business 5 financial management firms, for private dam financial 6 7 assurance and for reinstatement of item vetoes; providing for the settlement, assessment, collection, and lien of taxes, 8 bonus, and all other accounts due the Commonwealth, the 9 collection and recovery of fees and other money or property 10 11 due or belonging to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof, including escheated property and the proceeds of its sale, 12 the custody and disbursement or other disposition of funds 13 and securities belonging to or in the possession of the 14 Commonwealth, and the settlement of claims against the 15 Commonwealth, the resettlement of accounts and appeals to the 16 courts, refunds of moneys erroneously paid to the 17 Commonwealth, auditing the accounts of the Commonwealth and 18 all agencies thereof, of all public officers collecting 19 moneys payable to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof, 20 21 and all receipts of appropriations from the Commonwealth, 22 authorizing the Commonwealth to issue tax anticipation notes to defray current expenses, implementing the provisions of 23 section 7(a) of Article VIII of the Constitution of 24 25 Pennsylvania authorizing and restricting the incurring of certain debt and imposing penalties; affecting every 26 department, board, commission, and officer of the State 27 government, every political subdivision of the State, and 28 certain officers of such subdivisions, every person, 29 association, and corporation required to pay, assess, or 30 31 collect taxes, or to make returns or reports under the laws 32 imposing taxes for State purposes, or to pay license fees or 33 other moneys to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof, every State depository and every debtor or creditor of the 34 35 Commonwealth," in emergency COVID-19 response, providing for

- 1 accountability.
- 2 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 3 hereby enacts as follows:
- 4 Section 1. Article I-C of the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343,
- 5 No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, is amended by adding a
- 6 subarticle to read:
- 7 SUBARTICLE M
- 8 ACCOUNTABILITY
- 9 <u>Section 194-C. Public hearings.</u>
- 10 (a) Requirement. -- Each municipality and school entity that
- 11 receives a grant or other money appropriated to the municipality
- 12 or school entity from money received by the Commonwealth under
- 13 Title IX, Subtitle M, section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan
- 14 Act of 2021 (Public Law 117-2, 135 Stat. 4) and deposited into
- 15 the account shall hold at least three public hearings to address
- 16 the use of the grant or other money by the municipality or
- 17 <u>school entity.</u>
- 18 (b) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
- 19 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
- 20 <u>subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:</u>
- 21 "Municipality." Any of the following:
- 22 (1) A county, city, borough, incorporated town or
- 23 <u>township.</u>
- 24 (2) A home rule, optional plan or optional charter
- 25 <u>municipality</u>.
- 26 (3) Any other general purpose unit of government
- 27 <u>established by the General Assembly.</u>
- 28 "School entity." Any of the following:
- 29 (1) A school district of any class.
- 30 (2) A public school.

1 (3) A nonpublic school. 2 (4) A private school. (5) An intermediate unit, as described in Article IX-A 3 4 of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949. 5 6 (6) A charter school, as defined in section 1703-A of 7 the Public School Code of 1949. (7) A cyber charter school, as defined in section 1703-A 9 of the Public School Code of 1949. (8) A regional charter school, as defined in section 10 1703-A of the Public School Code of 1949. 11 (9) An area career and technical school, as described in 12 section 1841 of the Public School Code of 1949. 13 14 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.