## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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## AN ACT

Amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), entitled "An act relating to tax reform and State taxation by codifying 2 and enumerating certain subjects of taxation and imposing 3 taxes thereon; providing procedures for the payment, collection, administration and enforcement thereof; providing 5 for tax credits in certain cases; conferring powers and 6 imposing duties upon the Department of Revenue, certain employers, fiduciaries, individuals, persons, corporations 8 and other entities; prescribing crimes, offenses and 9 penalties," in corporate net income tax, establishing the Net 10 Operating Loss Transfer Program; imposing a penalty; and 11 making editorial changes. 12 13 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania 14 hereby enacts as follows: 15 Section 1. Sections 410, 411 and 412 of the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, are 16 17 renumbered to read: 18 Section [410] 480. Penalties. -- (a) Any person violating any of the provisions of section 409 shall be quilty of a 19 misdemeanor, and shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to 20 pay a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000) and costs 21

- 1 of prosecution, or to undergo imprisonment for not more than six
- 2 months, or both.
- 3 (b) Any person who shall wilfully make a false and
- 4 fraudulent return of taxable income made taxable by this
- 5 article, shall be guilty of wilful and corrupt perjury, and,
- 6 upon conviction thereof, shall be subject to punishment as
- 7 provided by law. Such penalty shall be in addition to any other
- 8 penalties imposed by this article.
- 9 (c) Any person, who wilfully fails, neglects, or refuses to
- 10 make a report or to pay the tax as herein prescribed, or who
- 11 shall refuse to permit the department to examine the books,
- 12 papers, and records of any corporation liable to pay tax under
- 13 this article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon
- 14 conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not
- 15 exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000) and costs of
- 16 prosecution, or to undergo imprisonment not exceeding six
- 17 months, or both. Such penalty shall be in addition to any other
- 18 penalties imposed by this article.
- 19 Section [411] <u>498</u>. Repeal.--The act of May 16, 1935
- 20 (P.L.208), known as the "Corporate Net Income Tax Act," is
- 21 repealed.
- 22 Section [412] 499. Effective Date. -- This article shall take
- 23 effect immediately, and the tax imposed shall apply to taxable
- 24 years beginning January 1, 1971 and thereafter.
- 25 Section 2. Article IV of the act is amended by adding a part
- 26 to read:
- 27 PART VI-A
- 28 NET OPERATING LOSS TRANSFER PROGRAM
- 29 Section 421. Definitions.
- 30 The following words and phrases when used in this part shall

- 1 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
- 2 context clearly indicates otherwise:
- 3 "Allowable expenditures." Costs incurred in connection with
- 4 the operation of the new or expanding biotechnology business or
- 5 technology business located in this Commonwealth, including the
- 6 expenses of fixed assets, such as the construction, acquisition
- 7 and development of real estate, materials, start-up, tenant fit-
- 8 out, working capital, salaries and research and development
- 9 <u>expenditures.</u>
- 10 "Biotechnology." The continually expanding body of
- 11 <u>fundamental knowledge about the functioning of biological</u>
- 12 systems from the macro level to the molecular and subatomic
- 13 <u>levels</u>, <u>including novel products</u>, <u>services</u>, <u>technologies and</u>
- 14 <u>subtechnologies developed as a result of insights gained from</u>
- 15 <u>research advances</u>, which add to that body of fundamental
- 16 <u>knowledge.</u>
- 17 "Biotechnology business." Any of the following:
- 18 (1) A person, whose headquarters or base of operations
- is located in this Commonwealth, engaged in the research,
- development, production or provision of biotechnology for the
- 21 <u>purpose of developing or providing products or processes for</u>
- 22 specific commercial or public purposes, including medical,
- 23 <u>pharmaceutical</u>, <u>nutritional</u> and <u>other health-related</u>
- 24 purposes, agricultural purposes and environmental purposes.
- 25 (2) A person, whose headquarters or base of operations
- is located in this Commonwealth, engaged in providing
- 27 <u>services or products necessary for research, development,</u>
- 28 production or provision of a technology/biotechnology
- 29 business.
- 30 "Cost." The expenses incurred in connection with the

- 1 operation of a new or expanding biotechnology business or
- 2 technology business in this Commonwealth, including the expenses
- 3 of fixed assets, such as the construction, acquisition and
- 4 <u>development of real estate, materials, start-up, tenant fit-out,</u>
- 5 working capital and any other expenses determined by the
- 6 <u>department to be necessary to carry out the purposes of this</u>
- 7 <u>article.</u>
- 8 <u>"Financial institution." An individual or organization</u>
- 9 <u>deemed eligible by the department for participation in the</u>
- 10 program, including State-chartered or federally chartered banks,
- 11 savings banks or savings and loan associations, banks organized
- 12 <u>under the laws of a foreign government, private individuals,</u>
- 13 <u>insurance companies</u>, <u>landlords</u>, <u>finance companies and venture</u>
- 14 <u>capitalists.</u>
- 15 "Fixed assets." Real property, interests in real property,
- 16 plants, equipment and any other assets commonly accepted as
- 17 fixed assets.
- 18 "Full-time employee." The following apply:
- 19 (1) Any of the following:
- 20 (i) a person employed by a new or expanding
- 21 <u>biotechnology business or technology business for</u>
- 22 consideration for at least 35 hours a week;
- (ii) a person who renders any other standard of
- 24 service generally accepted by custom or practice as full-
- time employment and whose wages are subject to
- withholding as provided under 26 U.S.C. § 1400Z-2(c)
- 27 <u>(relating to special rules for capital gains invested in</u>
- opportunity zones), as amended; or
- 29 <u>(iii) a person who renders any other standard of</u>
- 30 service generally accepted by custom or practice as full-

1	time employment, and whose distributive share of income,
2	gain, loss or deduction, or whose guaranteed payments, or
3	any combination thereof, is subject to tax under this
4	article.
5	(2) The term does not include a person who works as an
6	independent contractor or on a consulting basis for the new
7	or expanding biotechnology business or technology business.
8	"Net operating loss carryover." The amount of the deduction <-
9	from taxable income of net losses allowable for taxpayers under
10	section 401(3).
11	"New or expanding biotechnology business or technology
12	business." A biotechnology business or technology business
13	that, as of June 30 of the year in which the business files an
14	application for the program:
15	(1) has been in operation in this Commonwealth for no
16	more than five years; and
17	(2) has at least 15% of its total United States
18	employees working in this Commonwealth.
19	"Program." The Net Operating Loss Transfer Program
20	established under section 422.
21	"Purchasing taxpayer." A taxpayer who purchases tax benefits
22	under this part.
23	"Selling taxpayer." A taxpayer who is a new or expanding
24	biotechnology business or technology business that sells tax
25	benefits under this part.
26	<pre>"Tax benefit." The amount of an unused but otherwise</pre>
27	allowable net operating loss carryover accrued by a selling
28	taxpayer.
29	"Technology business." A business that:
30	(1) has its headquarters or base of operations in this

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2	(2) owns, has filed for or has a valid license to use
3	protected, proprietary intellectual property; and
4	(3) employs a combination of highly educated or trained
5	managers and workers, or both, employed in this Commonwealth
6	who use sophisticated scientific research service or
7	production equipment, processes or knowledge to discover,
8	develop, test, transfer or manufacture a product or service.
9	"TAX BENEFIT." THE AMOUNT OF NET LOSS ACCRUED BY A SELLING <
10	TAXPAYER THAT WOULD OTHERWISE BE ALLOWABLE AS A DEDUCTION FROM
11	TAXABLE INCOME UNDER SECTION 401(3).
12	"TAX BENEFIT VALUE." THE VALUE OF THE TAX BENEFIT BEING SOLD
13	UNDER THIS PART, CALCULATED BY MULTIPLYING THE AMOUNT OF THE TAX
14	BENEFIT BY THE CORPORATE NET INCOME TAX RATE UNDER SECTION 401
15	THAT IS IN EFFECT DURING THE TAXABLE YEAR IN WHICH THE TAX
16	BENEFIT IS BEING SOLD.
17	"TECHNOLOGY BUSINESS." A BUSINESS THAT HAS ITS HEADQUARTERS
18	OR BASE OF OPERATIONS IN THIS COMMONWEALTH AND EITHER:
19	(1) MEETS ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:
20	(I) OWNS, HAS FILED FOR OR HAS A VALID LICENSE TO
21	USE PROTECTED, PROPRIETARY INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY; AND
22	(II) EMPLOYS A COMBINATION OF HIGHLY EDUCATED OR
23	TRAINED MANAGERS AND WORKERS, OR BOTH, EMPLOYED IN THIS
24	COMMONWEALTH WHO USE SOPHISTICATED SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH
25	SERVICE OR PRODUCTION EQUIPMENT, PROCESSES OR KNOWLEDGE
26	TO DISCOVER, DEVELOP, TEST, TRANSFER OR MANUFACTURE A
27	PRODUCT OR SERVICE.
28	(2) MEETS ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:
29	(I) IS MAJORITY-OWNED BY A PENNSYLVANIA RESIDENT WHO
30	RESIDES IN A GEOGRAPHIC AREA IN WHICH THERE ARE TRIGGER

1	PROJECTS WITH PERMITS, AUTHORIZATIONS OR APPROVALS
2	ANALYZED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION;
3	(II) IS AFFILIATED WITH ANY PUBLIC, STATE-RELATED
4	INSTITUTION OR OTHER ENTITY THAT HAS RECEIVED STATE
5	FUNDING WITHIN THE PRIOR TWO FISCAL YEARS THAT PROVIDES
6	TECHNOLOGY-RELATED PROGRAMMING OR INITIATIVES; AND
7	(III) HAS ACCRUED NET LOSSES THAT WOULD OTHERWISE BE
8	ALLOWABLE AS A DEDUCTION FROM TAXABLE INCOME UNDER
9	SECTION 401(3) THAT ARE RELATED TO ENVIRONMENTAL
10	REMEDIATION, ENVIRONMENTAL RESILIENCY, ENERGY EFFICIENCY,
11	ENERGY CONSERVATION OR SOLAR, WIND OR GEOTHERMAL ENERGY
12	PRODUCTION.
13	"Working capital." Liquid capital assets other than fixed
14	<u>assets.</u>
15	Section 422. Transferable Net Operating Loss Program.
16	(a) Establishment
17	(1) The Transferable Net Operating Loss Program is
18	established to allow a new or expanding biotechnology
19	business or technology business in this Commonwealth with
20	amounts of unused net operating loss carryover to sell the
21	tax benefits for use by other taxpayers under this article.
22	(2) The tax benefits may be used by the purchasing
23	taxpayer in accordance with the program. The purchasing
24	taxpayer may apply the tax benefits to the purchasing
25	taxpayer's tax liability for the taxable year during which
26	the tax benefits were purchased, except that any tax benefits
27	received by the purchasing taxpayer plus any other net loss
28	deduction allowable under this article shall not cause the
29	purchasing taxpayer's total net loss deduction to exceed the
30	limits established under section 401(3).

1	(b) Approval of sale of tax benefits
2	(1) The department, in consultation with the Department
3	of Community and Economic Development, shall review and
4	approve applications by new or expanding biotechnology
5	businesses or technology businesses in this Commonwealth with
6	unused but otherwise allowable net operating loss carryover
7	to sell those tax benefits in exchange for private financial
8	assistance to be contributed by a purchasing taxpayer in an
9	amount equal to AT LEAST 80% of the amount of the tax benefit <
. 0	being sold VALUE.
1	(2) A selling taxpayer's transferable tax benefits shall
2	be limited to net operating losses that the selling taxpayer
3	requests to transfer in its application to the department and
4	shall not, in total, exceed the maximum amount of tax
5	benefits that the selling taxpayer is eligible to transfer.
5	(3) The department shall establish rules for the
	repayment of all, or a portion of, an amount equal to the
	selling price of the tax benefit under section 427.
	(c) Approval of purchase of tax benefits
	(1) The department shall review and approve applications
	for the purchase of tax benefits in exchange for private
	financial assistance to be made by the purchasing taxpayer in
	an amount equal to AT LEAST 80% of the amount of the tax
	benefit being sold VALUE.
	(2) The department shall not approve an application
	unless the selling taxpayer certifies that as of the date of
	the application that the selling taxpayer is operating as a
}	new or expanding biotechnology business or technology
)	business and has no current intention to cease operating as a
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- 1 business.
- 2 (d) Private financial assistance. -- The private financial
- 3 assistance shall assist in funding expenses incurred in
- 4 <u>connection with the operation of the new or expanding</u>
- 5 biotechnology business or technology business in this
- 6 Commonwealth, including the expenses of fixed assets, such as
- 7 the construction and acquisition and development of real estate,
- 8 <u>materials</u>, <u>start-up</u>, <u>tenant fit-out</u>, <u>working capital</u>, <u>salaries</u>,
- 9 research and development expenditures and any other expenses
- 10 determined by the department to be necessary to carry out the
- 11 purposes of the program.
- 12 (e) Distribution of tax benefits and private financial
- 13 <u>assistance.--The department shall equally distribute tax</u>
- 14 benefits based on the amount of tax benefits approved for sale
- 15 and the amount of private financial assistance committed by
- 16 purchasing taxpayers during the taxable year.
- 17 Section 423. Authorization to approve certain transfers of tax
- benefits.
- 19 (a) Approval of sale of tax benefits. -- The department shall
- 20 approve the sale of tax benefits. A selling taxpayer shall be
- 21 subject to a lifetime cap of \$20,000,000 IN TAX BENEFITS. During <--
- 22 each taxable year, a selling taxpayer that meets all eligibility
- 23 requirements shall be permitted to sell an amount of tax
- 24 benefits that shall not exceed the lifetime cap over a period of
- 25 five taxable years, except that the amount of tax benefits sold
- 26 by a selling taxpayer per taxable year shall not exceed
- 27 \$5,000,000.
- 28 (b) Approval of purchase of tax benefits. -- The department
- 29 shall approve the transfer of tax benefits to a purchasing
- 30 <u>taxpayer</u>. A purchasing taxpayer shall be permitted to purchase

- 1 no more than \$100,000,000 in tax benefits per taxable year. If
- 2 the demand from more than one purchasing taxpayer exceeds
- 3 \$100,000,000, the department shall distribute the annual tax
- 4 <u>benefits on a pro rata basis.</u>
- 5 <u>Section 424. Eligibility.</u>
- 6 A new or expanding biotechnology business or technology
- 7 <u>business shall be eliqible to apply to the program if the</u>
- 8 <u>department</u>, in consultation with the Department of Community and
- 9 Economic Development, finds that the business:
- 10 (1) Meets the definition of a "new or expanding
- 11 <u>biotechnology business or technology business."</u>
- 12 (2) Meets any of the following:
- (i) has protected and proprietary intellectual
- 14 <u>property that is exclusive to the applicant;</u>
- 15 <u>(ii) has use/license technology or patents developed</u>
- in this Commonwealth;
- 17 (iii) provides technology to the agriculture
- 18 <u>industry; or</u>
- 19 (iv) generates at least 50% of its revenue in this
- 20 Commonwealth.
- 21 (3) Has unused net operating loss carryover.
- 22 (4) Has no positive net operating income for the past
- two years.
- 24 (5) Is subject to tax under this article and files all
- 25 <u>required tax returns under this article.</u>
- 26 Section 425. Application to program.
- 27 (a) Fee.--An application submitted by a selling taxpayer or
- 28 a purchasing taxpayer shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable
- 29 \$2,500 application fee. Completed applications must be received
- 30 by June 30 of each fiscal year.

1	(b) Selling taxpayer application An application submitted
2	to the program by a selling taxpayer must include:
3	(1) a spending certification form attesting to having
4	spent the proceeds of the prior year's sale of tax benefits
5	in accordance with the definition of "allowable
6	<pre>expenditures";</pre>
7	(2) the tax benefit identification form which summarizes
8	the accumulated net operating loss carryover to be sold, the
9	years that the net operating loss carryover was incurred and
10	the value intended to be sold;
11	(3) a private financial assistance form specifying how
12	the selling taxpayer will expend the private financial
13	assistance for allowable expenditures for the operations of
14	the new or expanding biotechnology business or technology
15	<pre>business;</pre>
16	(4) if a selling taxpayer was authorized to sell and did
17	sell tax benefits during the previous taxable year, a
18	spending certification that attests that the selling taxpayer
19	spent the proceeds of the prior year's sale of tax benefits
20	in accordance with the prior year's private financial
21	assistance form;
22	(5) a description of and business plan or presentation
23	for the selling taxpayer's new or expanding biotechnology
24	business or technology business, which shall demonstrate that
25	the business is the primary business of the selling taxpayer
26	and that the applicant meets the definition of a new or
27	expanding biotechnology business or technology business. If
28	applicable, documentation of protected proprietary
29	intellectual property must be provided;

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(6) financial statements for the two most recent full

1	<u>years of operation, or if the selling taxpayer has been in</u>
2	operation for less than two years, the selling taxpayer's
3	most recent financial statement, if any;
4	(7) a list of all affiliates and subsidiaries of the
5	selling taxpayer. A corporation is considered to be an
6	affiliate or subsidiary of the selling taxpayer if the
7	corporation is subject to tax under this article and one or
8	more of the following applies:
9	(i) the taxpayer is an entity or an affiliated group
10	of corporations that directly or indirectly owns or
11	controls 50% or greater of the selling taxpayer;
12	(ii) the taxpayer and the selling taxpayer are both
13	members of the same consolidated group of affiliated
14	corporations, as filed for Federal income tax purposes;
15	<u>and</u>
16	(iii) any other test of affiliation as determined by
17	the department; and
18	(8) any other information required by the department.
19	(c) Purchasing taxpayer application An application
20	submitted by a purchasing taxpayer must include:
21	(1) the name, address and telephone number of the
22	<pre>purchasing taxpayer;</pre>
23	(2) a statement of the amount of tax benefits that the
24	purchasing taxpayer requests to receive;
25	(3) an attestation that includes the following:
26	(i) a statement that the purchasing taxpayer has
27	committed to contributing private financial assistance to
28	the program;
29	(ii) the dollar amount of private financial
30	assistance the purchasing taxpayer will contribute, which

Τ	snall be equal to AT LEAST 80% of the amount of THE TAX
2	BENEFIT VALUE OF THE tax benefits the purchasing taxpayer
3	requests to receive; and
4	(iii) a statement that the purchasing taxpayer has
5	the financial ability to contribute the amount specified
6	under subparagraph (ii);
7	(4) a statement of the total amount of unused net
8	operating loss carryover, if any, that the purchasing
9	taxpayer has accrued;
10	(5) a list of all affiliates and subsidiaries of the
11	purchasing taxpayer. A corporation is considered to be an
12	affiliate or subsidiary of the purchasing taxpayer if the
13	corporation is subject to tax under this article and one or
14	more of the following applies:
15	(i) the corporation is an entity or an affiliated
16	group of corporations that directly or indirectly owns or
17	controls 50% or greater of the purchasing taxpayer;
18	(ii) the corporation and the purchasing taxpayer are
19	both members of the same consolidated group of affiliated
20	corporations, as filed for Federal income tax purposes;
21	<u>and</u>
22	(iii) any other test of affiliation as determined by
23	the department; and
24	(6) any other information required by the department.
25	Section 426. Review of applications.
26	(a) Review of application The department, in consultation
27	with the Department of Community and Economic Development, shall
28	review each program application the department receives to
29	determine whether the application meets all of the requirements
30	established under this part.

- 1 (b) Approval.--Except as provided for under subsection (c),
- 2 if the department determines that an application was received on
- 3 <u>or before the June 30 deadline and meets all the requirements</u>
- 4 <u>established under this part, the department shall approve the</u>
- 5 <u>application and shall notify a selling taxpayer or a purchasing</u>
- 6 <u>taxpayer of the approval.</u>
- 7 (c) Denial. -- The department shall deny an application if one
- 8 or more of the following applies:
- 9 (1) An applicant does not meet all requirements under
- 10 <u>this part.</u>
- 11 (2) The application was received after the June 30
- 12 deadline.
- 13 (3) The selling taxpayer has demonstrated positive net
- operating income in any of the two previous full years of
- 15 <u>ongoing operations as determined on its financial statements</u>
- issued in a manner as determined by the department.
- 17 Section 427. Allocation of tax benefits.
- 18 (a) Limitation on selling taxpayer. -- A selling taxpayer
- 19 shall be subject to a lifetime cap of \$20,000,000 IN TAX
- 20 BENEFITS. During each taxable year, a selling taxpayer that
- 21 meets all eligibility requirements shall be permitted to sell an
- 22 amount of tax benefits that shall not exceed the lifetime cap
- 23 over a period of five taxable years. The amount of tax benefits
- 24 sold by a selling taxpayer per taxable year shall not exceed
- 25 \$5,000,000, except if all selling taxpavers have sold their
- 26 annual tax benefits and there remains additional purchasing
- 27 <u>taxpayer demand under the annual purchasing taxpayer cap</u>, the
- 28 department shall allow sellers of tax benefits to exceed the
- 29 individual seller annual cap and shall award the additional cap
- 30 demand on a pro rata basis.

- 1 (b) Limitation on purchasing taxpayer. -- A purchasing
- 2 taxpayer may purchase no more than \$100,000,000 in tax benefits
- 3 per taxable year. Tax benefits awarded to a purchasing taxpayer
- 4 shall be reduced by the percentage of available tax benefits
- 5 sold by selling taxpayers who are affiliates or subsidiaries of
- 6 the purchasing taxpayer, pursuant to the information provided on
- 7 the application materials required under section 425.
- 8 <u>Section 428. Repayment of tax benefits.</u>
- 9 (a) Forfeiture. -- If a selling taxpayer fails to use the
- 10 private financial assistance received for the sale of tax
- 11 benefits in a manner prescribed under this part, or fails to
- 12 <u>maintain a headquarters or a base of operation in this</u>
- 13 Commonwealth during the five years following receipt of the
- 14 private financial assistance, the selling taxpayer shall forfeit
- 15 and remit the face value of the sold tax benefits to the
- 16 <u>department in accordance with subsections (c) and (d). The face</u>
- 17 value of the sold tax benefits shall be the amount of unused net
- 18 operating loss carryover the department approved for sale by the
- 19 selling taxpayer.
- 20 (b) Exception. -- The forfeiture requirement in subsection (a)
- 21 pertaining to the failure to maintain a headquarters or a base
- 22 of operation in this Commonwealth shall not apply if the failure
- 23 is due to the liquidation of the new or expanding biotechnology
- 24 business or technology business.
- 25 <u>(c) Prorated certificate.--If a selling taxpayer fails to</u>
- 26 maintain a headquarters or base of operation in this
- 27 Commonwealth during the five years following the receipt of the
- 28 private financial assistance, the department shall allow the
- 29 selling taxpayer to retain 20% of the face value of the sold tax
- 30 benefit for each full year the selling taxpayer remained in this

- 1 Commonwealth, except that the selling taxpayer forfeits and
- 2 remits to the department the remaining amount of the face value
- 3 of the sold tax benefit.
- 4 (d) Failure to use benefits. -- If a selling taxpayer uses the
- 5 private financial assistance received in exchange for the sale
- 6 of tax benefits for expenditures that are not allowable
- 7 <u>expenditures</u>, the department shall require the selling taxpayer
- 8 to remit to the department 100% of the amount of the
- 9 <u>expenditures that are not allowable expenditures.</u>
- 10 Section 429. Fraudulent application information.
- 11 A selling taxpayer or purchasing taxpayer who with intent to
- 12 defraud the Commonwealth willfully submits, or causes to be
- 13 <u>submitted</u>, a program application under section 425 which
- 14 contains false information commits a misdemeanor and, upon
- 15 conviction, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding
- 16 \$2,000 or undergo imprisonment not exceeding three years, or
- 17 both.
- 18 Section 430. Report.
- 19 (a) Duty.--Not later than one year following the effective
- 20 date of this subsection, and not later than March 1 of each year
- 21 thereafter, the department shall prepare a report on the
- 22 program.
- 23 (b) Contents. -- The report shall include:
- (1) A description of the demand for the program from new
- or expanding biotechnology businesses or technology
- 26 <u>businesses</u> and financial institutions.
- 27 (2) The efforts made by the department to promote the
- 28 program.
- 29 (3) The total amount of tax benefits approved for
- transfer by the department under the program.

- 1 (4) An assessment of the effectiveness of the program in
- 2 <u>meeting the goals of this part.</u>
- 3 (c) Submission. -- The department shall submit the report
- 4 under this section to the Governor and the General Assembly,
- 5 <u>including recommendations for legislation to improve the</u>
- 6 <u>effectiveness of the program.</u>
- 7 <u>Section 431. Regulations and guidelines.</u>
- 8 (a) Promulgation. -- The department shall promulgate
- 9 <u>regulations to implement this part.</u>
- 10 (b) Guidelines. -- The department shall develop written
- 11 guidelines for the implementation of this part. The guidelines
- 12 shall be in effect until the department promulgates regulations
- 13 <u>for the implementation of this part.</u>
- 14 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.