

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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 AND SCHWANK, APRIL 1, 2013

REFERRED TO COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY, APRIL 1, 2013

AN ACT

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

32 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

1 hereby enacts as follows:

2 Section 1. Article XVII-A of the act of April 9, 1929
3 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, is amended by
4 adding a subarticle to read:

5 SUBARTICLE K

6 ADDITIONAL SPECIAL FUNDS

7 Section 1799-A. Location in Fiscal Code.

8 Additional special funds may be found in Article XVII-P of
9 this act.

10 Section 2. The act is amended by adding an article to read:

11 ARTICLE XVII-P

12 ADDITIONAL SPECIAL FUNDS

13 SUBARTICLE A

14 COMMONWEALTH TECHNOLOGY FUND

15 Section 1701-P. Establishment of Commonwealth Technology Fund.

16 There is hereby established a fund within the State Treasury
17 to be called the Commonwealth Technology Fund.

18 Section 1702-P. Transfer to Commonwealth Technology Fund.

19 The Secretary of the Budget shall transfer the sum of
20 \$25,000,000 of proceeds from the tax imposed under Article II of
21 the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform
22 Code of 1971, to the Commonwealth Technology Fund by September
23 30 of each year.

24 Section 1703-P. Use of Commonwealth Technology Fund.

25 (a) Request by Governor.--As a component to the annual
26 budget submission required under section 613 of the act of April
27 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of
28 1929, the Governor shall provide a request for utilizing the
29 moneys that the Governor reasonably expects to be in the
30 Commonwealth Technology Fund within the fiscal year covered by

1 the budget. The request shall list the departments, agencies,
2 offices or commissions and the dollar amount that each would
3 receive in the upcoming fiscal year, a brief description of the
4 project and an estimate of the total cost of each project if it
5 is a multiyear project.

6 (b) Description of project.--As part of the budget
7 information submitted under section 619(d) of The Administrative
8 Code of 1929 any department, agency, office or commission
9 expected to receive funds under subsection (a) shall include a
10 detailed description of the technology project that would be
11 funded. This description shall include a detailed explanation of
12 the hardware and software that will be purchased, the
13 anticipated date of these purchases, the expected vendors and
14 the reason that the project is necessary and the amount of any
15 expected savings from the project.

16 (c) Requirement for funds.--For a project to be eligible for
17 funding under this subarticle the project must be for computing
18 technology, such as networking, hardware, software, the Internet
19 or telecommunications to process and distribute information in
20 digital form.

21 (d) List of projects.--The General Assembly may, in
22 consultation with the Governor, amend the list of projects that
23 will be funded. No funds shall be spent unless appropriated.

24 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.