

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1360 Session of 2019

INTRODUCED BY FREEMAN, MURT, SAMUELSON, McNEILL, DEASY, KINSEY, BERNSTINE, HILL-EVANS, SCHWEYER, DeLUCA AND HANBIDGE, MAY 1, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MAY 1, 2019

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 cancer control, prevention and
 4 research, for ambulatory surgical center data collection, for
 5 the Joint Underwriting Association, for entertainment
 6 business financial management firms, for private dam
 7 financial assurance and for reinstatement of item vetoes;
 8 providing for the settlement, assessment, collection, and
 9 lien of taxes, bonus, and all other accounts due the
 10 Commonwealth, the collection and recovery of fees and other
 11 money or property due or belonging to the Commonwealth, or
 12 any agency thereof, including escheated property and the
 13 proceeds of its sale, the custody and disbursement or other
 14 disposition of funds and securities belonging to or in the
 15 possession of the Commonwealth, and the settlement of claims
 16 against the Commonwealth, the resettlement of accounts and
 17 appeals to the courts, refunds of moneys erroneously paid to
 18 the Commonwealth, auditing the accounts of the Commonwealth
 19 and all agencies thereof, of all public officers collecting
 20 moneys payable to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof,
 21 and all receipts of appropriations from the Commonwealth,
 22 authorizing the Commonwealth to issue tax anticipation notes
 23 to defray current expenses, implementing the provisions of
 24 section 7(a) of Article VIII of the Constitution of
 25 Pennsylvania authorizing and restricting the incurring of
 26 certain debt and imposing penalties; affecting every
 27 department, board, commission, and officer of the State
 28 government, every political subdivision of the State, and
 29 certain officers of such subdivisions, every person,
 30 association, and corporation required to pay, assess, or
 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,

1 every State depository and every debtor or creditor of the
2 Commonwealth," in Department of the Auditor General,
3 providing for audits of affairs of the General Assembly and
4 legislative agencies; and making a related repeal.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. The act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known
8 as The Fiscal Code, is amended by adding a section to read:

9 Section 402.1. Audits of Affairs of the General Assembly and
10 Legislative Agencies.--It shall be the duty of the Department of
11 the Auditor General to audit the financial affairs of the
12 General Assembly and its legislative service agencies. At least
13 one audit shall be made each year. Special audits may be made
14 whenever they may, in the judgment of the Auditor General,
15 appear necessary. Copies of all audits made by the Department of
16 the Auditor General shall be promptly submitted to the President
17 pro tempore of the Senate, the Minority Leader of the Senate,
18 the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Minority
19 Leader of the House of Representatives.

20 Section 2. Repeals are as follows:

21 (1) The General Assembly declares that the repeal under
22 paragraph (2) is necessary to effectuate the addition of
23 section 402.1 of the act.

24 (2) Section 1 of the act of June 30, 1970 (P.L.442,
25 No.151) is repealed.

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