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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, MAY 19, 2017

AN ACT

- 1 Providing for budget negotiations during a budget impasse.
- 2 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 3 hereby enacts as follows:
- 4 Section 1. Short title.
- 5 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Budget
- 6 Impasse Negotiation Act.
- 7 Section 2. Budget negotiations during impasse.
- 8 (a) Negotiations.--If a general appropriation act is not
- 9 adopted by the General Assembly, signed by the Governor and
- 10 enacted into law for the ensuing fiscal year, the following
- 11 individuals or their designees shall negotiate the general
- 12 appropriation act beginning June 30 in accordance with this
- 13 section:
- 14 (1) The Governor.
- 15 (2) The Secretary of the Budget.
- 16 (3) The President pro tempore of the Senate.
- 17 (4) The Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the

- 1 Senate.
- 2 (5) The chairperson and minority chairperson of the
- 3 Appropriations Committee of the Senate.
- 4 (6) The Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- 5 (7) The Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.
- 7 (8) The chairperson and minority chairperson of the 8 Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives.
- 9 (b) Meetings.--The individuals specified under subsection
- 10 (a) or their designees shall meet each day during the
- 11 negotiating period in a designated area.
- 12 (c) Lodging.--
- 13 (1) During the negotiating period, the individuals
- 14 specified under subsection (a) or their designees shall lodge
- in a location of close proximity to the area designated for
- 16 negotiating the general appropriation act.
- 17 (2) The Pennsylvania State Police shall provide
- 18 transportation as needed for the individuals specified under
- 19 subsection (a) or their designees to ensure negotiations
- 20 occur as scheduled.
- 21 (d) Report.--If no agreement is made on the general
- 22 appropriation act by July 7, the individuals specified under
- 23 subsection (a) or their designees shall compile and submit a
- 24 report on the progress of the negotiations to the General
- 25 Assembly every seven days until an agreement is made.
- 26 Section 3. Effective date.
- 27 This act shall take effect in 60 days.