

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, SEPTEMBER 27, 2016

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), entitled "An
2 act relating to tax reform and State taxation by codifying
3 and enumerating certain subjects of taxation and imposing
4 taxes thereon; providing procedures for the payment,
5 collection, administration and enforcement thereof; providing
6 for tax credits in certain cases; conferring powers and
7 imposing duties upon the Department of Revenue, certain
8 employers, fiduciaries, individuals, persons, corporations
9 and other entities; prescribing crimes, offenses and
10 penalties," in personal income tax, providing for
11 contributions for pediatric cancer research.

12 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
13 hereby enacts as follows:

14 Section 1. The act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as
15 the Tax Reform Code of 1971, is amended by adding a section to
16 read:

17 Section ~~315.12~~ 315.13. Contributions for Pediatric Cancer <--
18 Research.--(a) The department shall provide a space on the
19 Pennsylvania individual income tax return form whereby an

1 individual may voluntarily designate a contribution of five  
2 dollars (\$5) to be utilized for pediatric cancer research. On or  
3 before December 1 of each year, the Secretary of Health shall  
4 designate hospitals within this Commonwealth conducting  
5 pediatric cancer research that are eligible to receive funding  
6 under this section for the following calendar year.

7 (b) The amount designated on the individual income tax  
8 return form shall be deducted from the tax refund to which the  
9 individual is entitled and shall not constitute a charge against  
10 the income tax revenues due to the Commonwealth.

11 (c) The department shall determine annually the total amount  
12 designated under this section, less reasonable administrative  
13 costs, and shall report the amount to the State Treasurer, who  
14 shall transfer the amount from the General Fund to the  
15 Pennsylvania Cancer Control, Prevention and Research Advisory  
16 Board within the Department of Health.

17 (d) The department shall provide adequate information  
18 concerning the checkoff for pediatric cancer research in its  
19 instructions that accompany State income tax return forms. The  
20 information concerning the checkoff shall include the listing of  
21 an address furnished by the Department of Health to which  
22 contributions may be sent by taxpayers wishing to contribute to  
23 this effort but who do not receive refunds. Additionally, the  
24 Department of Health shall be charged with the duty to conduct a  
25 public information campaign on the availability of this  
26 opportunity to Pennsylvania taxpayers.

27 (e) The Department of Health shall report annually to the  
28 respective committees of the Senate and the House of  
29 Representatives that have jurisdiction over health matters on  
30 the amount received via the checkoff plan and how the funds were

1 utilized.

2 SECTION 2. THE ADDITION OF SECTION 315.13 OF THE ACT SHALL <--  
3 APPLY TO TAXABLE YEARS BEGINNING AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2016.

4 Section ~~2~~ 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days. <--