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AN ACT

1 Establishing the Results First Project; and providing for data
2 collection and analysis by the Independent Fiscal Office.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. Short title.

6 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Results First
7 Act.

8 Section 2. Legislative intent and purpose.

9 The General Assembly finds and declares as follows:

10 (1) A nationally recognized cost-benefit analysis model
11 will allow the General Assembly to direct public resources to
12 cost-effective programs that deliver the best outcomes for
13 residents.

14 (2) The Independent Fiscal Office shall receive periodic
15 updates that incorporate new research and enhancements
16 identified through work in participating states and practical
17 technical assistance to implement this cutting-edge approach

1 for identifying policy and budget options.

2 (3) Through this effort, Pennsylvania will lay the
3 groundwork for a strong evidence-based approach that will
4 identify the State government's vision, mission, philosophy,
5 priority goals and benchmarks.

6 (4) The General Assembly will help State agencies to
7 align the State agency's individual efforts and resources to
8 achieve Statewide priority outcomes.

9 Section 3. Definitions.

10 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
11 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
12 context clearly indicates otherwise:

13 "Data source." Any of the following:

14 (1) An office, department, authority, board, multistate
15 agency or commission of the executive branch or an
16 independent agency.

17 (2) The Office of Attorney General.

18 (3) The Department of the Auditor General.

19 (4) The Treasury Department.

20 (5) A judicial agency.

21 (6) A legislative agency.

22 (7) The Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment
23 Council.

24 "Independent agency." The following:

25 (1) The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

26 (2) The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission.

27 (3) The Pennsylvania Game Commission.

28 (4) The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission.

29 (5) The State Civil Service Commission.

30 (6) The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission.

- 1 (7) The Milk Marketing Board.
- 2 (8) The Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board.
- 3 (9) The Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission.
- 4 (10) The Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board.
- 5 (11) The State Tax Equalization Board.
- 6 (12) The Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance
- 7 Agency.

- 8 (13) The Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and
- 9 Delinquency.

- 10 (14) The State Ethics Commission.

11 "Judicial agency." The following:

- 12 (1) The Superior Court.
- 13 (2) The Commonwealth Court.
- 14 (3) The Supreme Court.
- 15 (4) The Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts.

16 "Legislative agency." The following:

- 17 (1) The Capitol Preservation Committee.
- 18 (2) The Center for Rural Pennsylvania.
- 19 (3) The Joint Legislative Air and Water Pollution
- 20 Control and Conservation Committee.
- 21 (4) The Joint State Government Commission.
- 22 (5) The Legislative Budget and Finance Committee.
- 23 (6) The Legislative Data Processing Committee.
- 24 (7) The Independent Regulatory Review Commission.
- 25 (8) The Legislative Reference Bureau.
- 26 (9) The Local Government Commission.
- 27 (10) The Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing.
- 28 (11) The Legislative Reapportionment Commission.
- 29 (12) The Legislative Office for Research Liaison.
- 30 (13) The Legislative Audit Advisory Commission.

1 "Pennsylvania Results First Project." A multidimensional
2 data analyzing system.

3 Section 4. Duties.

4 (a) Development.--Within one year of the effective date of
5 this section, the Independent Fiscal Office shall implement and
6 maintain the Pennsylvania Results First Project.

7 (b) Consultation.--The Independent Fiscal Office shall
8 consult with a nationally recognized organization that
9 specializes in and has expertise with the scientific basis of a
10 cost-benefit analysis model.

11 (c) Reporting.--The Independent Fiscal Office shall provide
12 reports as directed by the General Assembly by joint resolution.

13 Section 5. Data.

14 (a) Collection.--Subject to any applicable limitation
15 provided by law, a data source shall submit, upon request of the
16 Independent Fiscal Office, data required for use as provided by
17 this act.

18 (b) Duty.--

19 (1) Data sources identified by the Independent Fiscal
20 Office shall comply with the criteria established by the
21 Independent Fiscal Office and satisfy requirements deemed
22 necessary by the Independent Fiscal Office in order to
23 provide data.

24 (2) The Independent Fiscal Office shall work
25 collaboratively with data sources as necessary to ensure that
26 the data provided is of appropriate content and conforms to
27 practicable format specifications. Data requirements of the
28 Independent Fiscal Office shall take into account work flow
29 requirements of data sources.

30 (c) Results.--A data source may not be charged a fee to

- 1 receive the results generated from data submitted by the data
- 2 source under this section.
- 3 Section 6. Effective date.
- 4 This act shall take effect immediately.