THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2142 Session of 2024

INTRODUCED BY CURRY, GIRAL, KINSEY, BULLOCK, KENYATTA, PROBST, SCHLOSSBERG, CEPEDA-FREYTIZ, BOYD, MERSKI, SHUSTERMAN, SANCHEZ, KHAN, DONAHUE, D. WILLIAMS, STEELE, DELLOSO AND GREEN, MARCH 20, 2024

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, MARCH 20, 2024

AN ACT

Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), entitled "An act relating to the finances of the State government; 2 providing for cancer control, prevention and research, for ambulatory surgical center data collection, for the Joint Underwriting Association, for entertainment business 5 financial management firms, for private dam financial 6 assurance and for reinstatement of item vetoes; providing for 7 the settlement, assessment, collection, and lien of taxes, 9 bonus, and all other accounts due the Commonwealth, the collection and recovery of fees and other money or property 10 due or belonging to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof, 11 including escheated property and the proceeds of its sale, 12 13 the custody and disbursement or other disposition of funds and securities belonging to or in the possession of the 14 Commonwealth, and the settlement of claims against the 15 Commonwealth, the resettlement of accounts and appeals to the 16 courts, refunds of moneys erroneously paid to the 17 18 Commonwealth, auditing the accounts of the Commonwealth and all agencies thereof, of all public officers collecting 19 moneys payable to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof, 20 and all receipts of appropriations from the Commonwealth, 21 22 authorizing the Commonwealth to issue tax anticipation notes to defray current expenses, implementing the provisions of 23 section 7(a) of Article VIII of the Constitution of 24 Pennsylvania authorizing and restricting the incurring of 25 26 certain debt and imposing penalties; affecting every department, board, commission, and officer of the State 27 government, every political subdivision of the State, and 28 29 certain officers of such subdivisions, every person, 30 association, and corporation required to pay, assess, or collect taxes, or to make returns or reports under the laws 31 imposing taxes for State purposes, or to pay license fees or 32

- other moneys to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof,
- every State depository and every debtor or creditor of the
- Commonwealth, " in additional special funds and restricted
- accounts, providing for Safe Path Restricted Account; and
- 5 making a transfer.
- 6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 7 hereby enacts as follows:
- 8 Section 1. Article XVII-A.2 of the act of April 9, 1929
- 9 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, is amended by
- 10 adding a subarticle to read:
- 11 SUBARTICLE F
- 12 <u>SAFE PATH RESTRICTED ACCOUNT</u>
- 13 <u>Section 1751-A.2. Definitions.</u>
- 14 The following words and phrases when used in this subarticle
- 15 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
- 16 <u>context clearly indicates otherwise:</u>
- 17 <u>"Account." The Safe Path Restricted Account established</u>
- 18 <u>under section 1752-A.2.</u>
- 19 <u>"Commission." The Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and</u>
- 20 Delinguency.
- 21 <u>Section 1752-A.2. Safe Path Restricted Account.</u>
- 22 The Safe Path Restricted Account is established as a
- 23 restricted account in the General Fund.
- 24 Section 1753-A.2. Source and use of funds.
- 25 (a) Transfer.--For fiscal year 2023-2024, the sum of
- 26 \$50,000,000 shall be transferred to the account from the General
- 27 <u>Fund.</u>
- 28 (b) Continuing appropriation. -- Money in the account is
- 29 appropriated to the commission on a continuing basis for the
- 30 purposes under subsection (c).
- 31 (c) Use of funds. -- The commission shall use money in the
- 32 account to award grants to political subdivisions and nonprofit

- 1 organizations that establish or operate safe passage programs
- 2 <u>designed to improve safety for youth and adults going to and</u>
- 3 from schools and community centers. Priority shall be given to
- 4 applicants in areas that experience high rates of gun violence,
- 5 <u>as determined by the commission.</u>
- 6 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.