

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY MESSRS. WEINER, LANE AND MCGINNIS,
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT
FEBRUARY 21, 1961.

AN ACT

To further the economic development of the Commonwealth providing for an economic message by the Governor creating a Governor's Council for Economic Development and an Interdepartmental Economic Advisory Committee and a Citizen's Action Committee on jobs and business climate and defining the powers and duties of these agencies

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows

EXPLANATION—CAPITAL LETTERS indicate new matter added to bill. Matter stricken through is to be omitted from bill. Underline indicates new matter added to existing law. [Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

1 Section 1 This act shall be known as and may be cited as "The
2 Full Employment Act of 1961"

3 Section 2 Declaration of Policy It is the continuing duty of the
4 Commonwealth to use all appropriate means at its disposal to insure
5 and promote the economic well-being of its citizens To insure this end
6 it is necessary that the Commonwealth with the assistance and coopera-
7 tion of industry agriculture labor Federal and local governments and
8 other civic groups coordinate and utilize all its resources to establish
9 programs and take such positive action as will promote maximum pro-
10 ductive employment production and purchasing power

11 Section 3 Economic Report of the Governor The Governor shall
12 submit to the Legislature on or before the twentieth day of January of
13 the year in which a legislative session begins a report setting forth (1)
14 the level of employment and unemployment within the Commonwealth
15 a level of business activity and growth (2) a review of previous programs
16 instituted in accordance with the policy contained in section 2 of this
17 act an evaluation of their success (3) an analysis of future problems
18 with regard to economic growth and unemployment (4) a program
19 designed to promote the policy set forth in section 2 of this act and
20 designed to correct existing problems and to prevent the occurrence of

1 future problems which will hinder or retard the economic well-being
2 and growth of the Commonwealth

3 The Governor shall in addition transmit to the Legislature from
4 time to time supplementary reports which in his discretion he deems val-
5 uable in the creation of a legislative program designed to promote the
6 policy declared in this act or to call to the attention of the Legislature
7 new problems and areas which it should consider

8 Section 4 Governor's Council for Economic Development There
9 is hereby created the Governor's Council for Economic Development
10 hereinafter called the "Council" The council shall be composed of fifteen
11 persons expert on economic conditions and representing all segments
12 of the State's economic life Members shall be appointed by the Governor
13 The Governor shall appoint one member of the Council as chairman and
14 the second member as vice-chairman who shall act in the absence of
15 the chairman The members of the council shall serve without compensa-
16 tion but shall be entitled to necessary travel expenses and shall have
17 made available to them such staff assistance from such departments
18 agencies or commissions within the Commonwealth as the Governor
19 shall designate

1 Section 5 Duties of the Governor's Council for Economic Develop-
2 ment (a) It shall be the duty and function of the council to

3 (1) Analyze economic trends and recommend economic policies for
4 the Commonwealth

5 (2) Recommend methods for the utilization of the resources of the
6 Commonwealth to promote the expansion of existing industry and to
7 attract new industries

8 (3) Mobilize the resources and facilities of the State to determine
9 the causes of unemployment and the means for overcoming it

10 (4) Review and appraise fiscal policies in relation to the achieve-
11 ment of economic stability and growth

12 (5) Advise on the activities of State and local agencies groups and
13 departments so that their programs may contribute toward the achieve-
14 ment of economic stability and growth

15 (6) Stimulate programs for greater utilization of the State's labor
16 force

17 To achieve these results the council may consult with any inter-
18 ested group and with any member of the Commonwealth and with any
19 officer or employe of the Commonwealth including members of the
20 Legislature which it feels may help it to make its recommendations

1 The council may undertake such research and investigatory pro-
2 grams as it deems necessary for the production of information on which
3 to make its recommendations

4 (b) The council shall submit to the Governor no later than the
5 fifteenth of December of each year a report containing its analysis and
6 recommendations It shall submit additional reports as required by the
7 Governor or when it deems proper

8 Section 6 Interdepartmental Joint Economic Advisory Committee
9 There is hereby established an Interdepartmental Economic Advisory
10 Committee the membership of which shall consist of such heads of
11 such departments agencies and commissions as the Governor shall
12 designate which are concerned with economic problems of the State
13 The function of the Interdepartmental Joint Economic Advisory Com-
14 mittee shall be to

15 (1) Supply staff assistance to the Governor's Economic Council
16 for Economic Development

17 (2) Inform the council of matters affecting the economic growth
18 and development of the Commonwealth

19 (3) Assist the Governor in formulating a program to carry out the

1 recommendations contained in the report of the Economic Advisory
2 Council

3 (4) Take such other action with respect to achieving the aims set
4 forth in section 2 of this act as the Governor shall indicate

5 In conducting the business of the committee the members may
6 designate a representative to represent them The Governor shall appoint
7 one member as chairman of the committee and a second member as
8 vice-chairman to act in his absence In the conducting of any business
9 of the committee any member or members may act and no quorum shall
10 be required unless the rules and regulations of such committee require
11 otherwise

12 Section 7 Citizens' Action Committee on Jobs and Business Climate
13 There is hereby created the Citizens' Action Committee on Jobs and
14 Business Climate hereinafter called the "Action Committee" The
15 action committee shall be composed of one hundred persons appointed
16 by the Governor and known for their interest and leadership in economic
17 development matters and representative of all geographic areas and all
18 segments of the state's economic life The Governor shall appoint one
19 member of the action committee as chairman and a second member as
20 vice-chairman The action committee may designate such additional

1 officers and adopt such by-laws as may be necessary for the conduct of
2 its business The members of the action committee shall serve without
3 compensation and shall have made available to them such staff assistance
4 from such departments agencies or commissions within the Common-
5 wealth as the Governor shall designate

6 Section 8 Duties of the Citizens' Action Committee on Jobs and
7 Business Climate (a) It shall be the duty and function of the action com-
8 mittee to

9 (1) Bring to the attention of business communities outside of the
10 State through citizen efforts a continuing account of the advantages
11 Pennsylvania offers new and expanding industry

12 (2) Foster worker training and retraining programs geared to
13 projected business needs

14 (3) Stimulate the organization of private capital and credit support
15 for industrial development along State or regional lines

16 (4) Stimulate existing and new organizations at regional and local
17 levels To sponsor cooperation between labor management and the public
18 in order to assist in the retention and expansion of existing industry and
19 to attract new industry from outside the State

20 (5) Stimulate existing and new organizations at the regional and

1 local levels To sponsor community economic planning and development

2 (6) Institute projects and programs directed toward creation and
3 maintenance of a climate of public opinion conducive to business and
4 industrial growth

5 (7) Review the findings and recommendations of the council of
6 economic advisors in order to formulate as appropriate specific plans
7 projects and programs for citizen action as will assist in making full use
8 of such findings and in carrying out such recommendations

9 (8) Use all appropriate means to secure adoption and prosecution
10 of plans projects and programs for citizen action formulated pursuant
11 to clause (7) of this subsection (a) and maintain a continuing review of
12 related progress and results

13 (b) The action committee shall submit to the Governor no later
14 than the fifteenth of December of each year a report on its activities
15 and accomplishments including recommendations for administrative or
16 legislative action in the field of economic development It shall submit
17 additional reports as required by the Governor or when it deems proper

18 Section 9 This act shall take effect immediately

We certify that this bill has passed the Senate and the House of Representatives.

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Chief Clerk, Senate

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President pro tempore, Senate

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Speaker, House of Representatives

Approved The day of A. D. 1961.

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Governor