

APPROVED—The 20th day of July, A. D. 1968.

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No. 214

AN ACT

SB 1525

Authorizing the Department of Community Affairs to plan and administer a State-wide research and training program for community development.

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

Section 1. Short Title.—This act shall be known and may be cited as the “Community Development Research and Training Act.”

Section 2. Findings and Purposes.—(a) The General Assembly finds that the rapid expansion of the urban areas and urban population of the Commonwealth have caused severe problems in urban and suburban development and that there is a need to:

(1) Provide special training in skills needed for economic and efficient community development; and

(2) Carry out research in new or improved methods of dealing with community development problems.

(b) Pursuant to these findings, the General Assembly states that the purpose of this act is to:

(1) Provide for special training to technical and professional people who are, or are training to be, employed by a governmental or public body which has responsibility for community development problems; and

(2) Authorize research needed for dealing with community development problems.

Section 3. Authority of Department of Community Affairs.—The Department of Community Affairs, hereinafter referred to as the department is hereby authorized to:

(1) Organize, initiate, develop, and carry out, programs to provide special training in skills needed for economic and efficient community development to those technical and professional people who are, or are training to be, employed by the Commonwealth or by a governmental or public body which has responsibilities for community development;

(2) Undertake and carry out, and assist local governmental or public bodies in undertaking and carrying out, research in community development, including but not restricted to, research in connection with housing programs and needs, public improvement

programming, code problems, efficient land use, urban transportation, and similar community development problems, and studies of the utilization of science and technology in the solution of community development problems;

(3) Collect, collate, and publish statistics and information relating to community development research; and

(4) Prepare and maintain a community development research and training plan for the State.

Section 4. Powers of Department.—The department and any local governmental body or public body shall have such powers as are necessary to carry out the purposes of this act, including but not restricted to the powers to:

(1) Apply for and accept grants, contributions, and any other form of assistance from the Federal government, or from any sources, public or private, to enter into and carry out contracts or agreements in connection therewith, and to include in any contract for assistance such conditions imposed pursuant to Federal laws as it may deem reasonable and appropriate and which are not inconsistent with the purposes of this act;

(2) Make such expenditures as may be necessary;

(3) Make and execute contracts and other instruments necessary or convenient to the exercise of its powers under this act; and

(4) Employ such personnel as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this act.

Section 5. Separability; Act Controlling.—Notwithstanding any other evidence of legislative intent it is hereby declared to be the controlling legislative intent that if any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of the act and the application of such provision to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid, shall not be affected thereby.

In so far as the provisions of this act are inconsistent with the provisions of any other law, the provisions of this act shall be controlling. The powers conferred by this act shall be in addition and supplemental to the powers conferred by any other law.

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No. 215

AN ACT

SB 652

Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P. L. 177), entitled "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the executive and administrative work of the Com-