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INTRODUCED BY GROVE, SCHLOSSBERG, SCHWEYER, DAVIS, DAVIDSON,
PHILLIPS-HILL, PASHINSKI AND MURT, JANUARY 27, 2015

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON URBAN AFFAIRS, JANUARY 27, 2015

AN ACT

1 Establishing the Lean Government Practices Program; and
2 conferring powers and imposing duties on the Governor's
3 Innovation Office.

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

6 Section 1. Short title.

7 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Lean
8 Management Practices Act.

9 Section 2. Legislative findings.

10 The General Assembly finds and declares as follows:

11 (1) Lean government practices have helped governments at
12 the Federal, state and local levels produce cost savings.

13 (2) Since 2011, the Commonwealth has saved \$690 million
14 by adopting lean government practices.

15 (3) These cost savings stem from eliminating waste, in
16 the form of unneeded bureaucratic processes and paperwork, in
17 government programs designed to provide constituent services.

18 (4) By eliminating waste, government can provide its

1 current services at a faster pace and at a lower cost.

2 (5) The adoption of lean government practices will
3 assist financially struggling political subdivisions.

4 (6) Through the provision of efficient, more effective
5 government, lean government practices provide the people with
6 a better government that works for them.

7 Section 3. Definitions.

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

11 "Financially struggling political subdivision." Any of the
12 following:

13 (1) A municipality which has run large structural
14 deficits and is subject to the provisions of the act of July
15 10, 1987 (P.L.246, No.47), known as the Municipalities
16 Financial Recovery Act.

17 (2) A school district under financial recovery status
18 under Article VI-A of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30,
19 No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949.

20 "Lean government practices." The application of programs
21 designed to improve constituent service through the elimination
22 of waste in bureaucracy by removing unnecessary steps and
23 processes to improve delivery of service to constituents in a
24 manner that is faster, effective and efficient at the lowest
25 cost. The term includes lean six sigma and kaizen.

26 "Innovation Office." The Governor's Innovation Office.

27 "Program." The Lean Government Practices Program established
28 under this act.

29 Section 4. Lean Government Practices Program.

30 (a) Establishment.--The Lean Government Practices Program is

1 established within the Innovation Office to:

2 (1) Provide training in using lean government practices
3 to political subdivisions in order to improve their
4 constituent services.

5 (2) Provide training to State agencies in training their
6 new employees in using lean government practices.

7 (b) Participation.--All financially struggling political
8 subdivisions and State agencies shall participate in the
9 program. A political subdivision that is not a financially
10 struggling political subdivision may participate in the program.

11 (c) Administration.--The Innovation Office shall administer
12 the program and may promulgate regulations to assist in the
13 administration of the program.

14 Section 5. Effective date.

15 This act shall take effect in 60 days.