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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH, MARCH 10, 2015

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), entitled "An  
2 act to consolidate, editorially revise, and codify the public  
3 welfare laws of the Commonwealth," in children and youth,  
4 further providing for payments to counties for services to  
5 children.

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

8 Section 1. Section 704.1(g) of the act of June 13, 1967  
9 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Public Welfare Code, amended July  
10 9, 2013 (P.L.369, No.55), is amended and the section is amended  
11 by adding a subsection to read:

12 Section 704.1. Payments to Counties for Services to  
13 Children.--\* \* \*

14 (b.1) Payments shall be made in equal quarterly installments  
15 of the amount fixed by section 709.3, the first of which shall  
16 be for the quarter beginning July 1 and ending September 30; the  
17 second installment shall be for the quarter beginning October 1  
18 and ending December 31; the third installment shall be for the  
19 quarter beginning January 1 and ending March 31; and the fourth

1 installment shall be for the quarter beginning April 1 and  
2 ending June 30. The local contribution required under this  
3 section shall not be required to be paid until the fourth  
4 quarter payment is due. The quarterly payment shall be paid at  
5 the beginning of each quarter for which the county institution  
6 district or its successor has budgeted an amount equal to one  
7 quarter of the annual local contribution required. At the close  
8 of the fourth quarter, the total payments made to the county  
9 institution district or its successor in accordance with section  
10 709.3 shall be reconciled and adjusted in accordance with this  
11 section and section 709.3.

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13 [(g) The department shall process payments to each county  
14 pursuant to this article from funds appropriated by the General  
15 Assembly for each fiscal year, within fifteen days of passage of  
16 the general appropriation bill or by a date specified under  
17 paragraph (1), (2), (3), (4) or (5), whichever is later. The  
18 department shall process the following applicable payments to  
19 the county:

20 (1) By July 15, twenty-five percent of the amount of State  
21 funds allocated to the county under section 709.3.

22 (2) By August 31, or upon approval by the department of the  
23 county's final cumulative report for its expenditures for the  
24 prior fiscal year, whichever is later, twenty-five percent of  
25 the amount of State funds allocated to the county under section  
26 709.3, reduced by the amount of aggregate unspent State funds  
27 provided to the county during the previous fiscal year.

28 (3) By November 30, or upon approval by the department of  
29 the county's report for its expenditures for the first quarter  
30 of the fiscal year, whichever is later, twenty-five percent of

1 the amount of State funds allocated to the county under section  
2 709.3, reduced by the amount of unspent State funds already  
3 provided to the county for the first quarter of the fiscal year.

4 (4) By February 28, or upon approval by the department of  
5 the county's report for its expenditures for the second quarter  
6 of the fiscal year, whichever is later, twelve and one-half  
7 percent of the amount of State funds allocated to the county  
8 under section 709.3, adjusted by the amount of overspending or  
9 underspending of State funds in the previous quarters, but not  
10 to exceed eighty-seven and one-half percent of the county's  
11 approved State allocation.

12 (5) Upon approval by the department of the county's final  
13 cumulative report for its expenditures for the fiscal year,  
14 twelve and one-half percent of the amount of State funds  
15 allocated to the county under section 709.3, adjusted by the  
16 amount of overspending or underspending of State funds in the  
17 previous quarters.]

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19 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.