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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**SENATE BILL**

No. **273** Session of  
1961

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MESSRS. WEINER, LANE AND MCGINNIS, IN PLACE,  
FEBRUARY 21, 1961.

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AS AMENDED ON THIRD READING, APRIL 5, 1961.

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**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 Citizens' 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

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EXPLANATION—CAPITAL LETTERS indicate new matter added to bill. Matter stricken through  
is to be omitted from bill.  
Underscoring 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 BY AND WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF TWO-  
14 THIRDS OF ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE The  
15 Governor shall appoint one member of the Council as chairman and  
16 the second member as vice-chairman who shall act in the absence of  
17 the chairman The members of the council shall serve without compensa-  
18 tion but shall be entitled to necessary travel expenses and shall have  
19 made available to them such staff assistance from such departments

1 agencies or commissions within the Commonwealth as the Governor  
2 shall designate

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

5 (1) Analyze economic trends and recommend economic policies for  
6 the Commonwealth

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

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

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

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

17 (6) Stimulate programs for greater utilization of the State's labor  
18 force

19 To achieve these results the council may consult with any inter-  
20 ested group and with any member of the Commonwealth and with any

1 officer or employe of the Commonwealth including members of the  
2 Legislature which it feels may help it to make its recommendations

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

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

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

17 (1) Supply staff assistance to the Governor's Economic Council  
18 for Economic Development

19 (2) Inform the council of matters affecting the economic growth  
20 and development of the Commonwealth

1 (3) Assist the Governor in formulating a program to carry out the  
2 recommendations contained in the report of the Economic Advisory  
3 Council

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 (5) Stimulate existing and new organizations at the regional and  
2 local levels To sponsor community economic planning and development

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

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

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

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

19 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