

No. 1998-116

AN ACT

HB 2459

Amending the act of October 5, 1994 (P.L.531, No.78), entitled "An act providing for the establishment of the Human Services Development Fund and for its administration and operation; and imposing additional powers and duties on the Department of Public Welfare," further providing for allocations.

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

Section 1. Section 7 of the act of October 5, 1994 (P.L.531, No.78), known as the Human Services Development Fund Act, is amended to read:
Section 7. Allocations.

(a) General formula.—[An] *Except as set forth in subsection (a.1), an annual appropriation shall be distributed among the counties as follows:*

- (1) 50% shall be allocated on a per capita basis.
- (2) 50% shall be allocated on a poverty level basis.

(a.1) Cost-of-living increase.—Any increase in the State appropriation identified as a cost-of-living adjustment in a general appropriation act shall be distributed as a cost-of-living adjustment to all counties. The distribution of the cost-of-living adjustment shall be made after all other funds have been distributed through the formula in subsection (a).

(b) Minimum.—Except as provided in subsection (c), no county shall receive a grant in an amount which is less than the amount it received in the immediately preceding fiscal year.

(c) Reductions.—

- (1) If a reduction in funding occurs, each county's allocation shall be reduced on a pro rata basis subject to paragraph (2).
- (2) No county shall receive less than \$50,000.

(d) Data to be used to compute formula.—The most recently available data shall be used in applying the formula set forth in subsection (a).

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1999.

APPROVED—The 3rd day of December, A.D. 1998.

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