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Synopsis of Senate Committee Amendments

(This synopsis does not address amendments that may have been adopted on the Senate Floor.)

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Senate Local Government

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CORRECTED VERSION*

- Removes provisions that modified a township's authority to regulate massage.
- Requires a publisher to establish a government rate for posting legal advertisements, notices, and proclamations that are required by law to be published, in a newspaper of general circulation's digital edition on the newspaper's website.
- Permits a township to publish required township advertisements in only the digital edition of a newspaper of general circulation within the township or only on the township's website and social media account.
- Specifies that automated external defibrillators must be placed in each sports and recreation location at any time that the location is hosting an organized youth sport activity.
- Expands Auditor of State fiscal distress services.
- Removes appropriations of \$1,500,000 in each of FY 2024 and FY 2025 under GRF ALI 195420, Housing Technical Assistance, used by the Department of Development for grants to political subdivisions seeking to modernize regulations and processes tied to zoning efforts.
- Reduces to \$1 million, the appropriation to the Indigent Burial and Cremation Support Program.
- Eliminates procedures for the designation of a county lead entity under the Brownfield Remediation Program, and, instead, revises what is considered a lead entity.

^{*}This version makes a correction to include the provision related to removing Department of Development appropriations.

- Modifies Brownfield Remediation Program law regarding money appropriated that is unspent.
- Allows a judge and a prosecuting attorney to submit an affidavit to have their name removed from the general tax list and duplicate of real and public utility property.
- Specifies that certain election officials are designated public service workers under the Public Records Law, thereby prohibiting residential and familial information from disclosure.
- Requires a state agency to apply the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's (IHRA) May 26, 2016, working definition of antisemitism when reviewing, investigating, or deciding whether there has been a violation of any relevant policy, law, or regulation, prohibiting discrimination based on anti-Semitic intent.
- Requires anti-discrimination and anti-bias training for state agency employees to use the IHRA working definition of antisemitism as an educational tool to familiarize staff and officials with antisemitism.
- Prohibits the Department of Development, in awarding a historic rehabilitation tax credit, from considering whether a project will benefit an economically distressed area.
- Modifies law regarding conservancy district charitable and social welfare trusts.
- Increases statutory competitive bidding thresholds from \$50,000 to \$75,000 for conservancy districts. Starting in 2025, the provision increases the threshold amount by 3% each year.
- Modifies membership to the Underground Technical Committee.
- Modifies Cooperative Economic Development Agreement Law.