

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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REFERRED TO SENATE ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES & ENERGY COMMITTEE

Clean Streams Fund

This act shall be known as the Clean Streams Act.

The bill will establish the Pennsylvania Clean Streams Fund (Fund) to clean up rivers and streams damaged by decades of non-point source pollution, including agricultural runoff, abandoned mine drainage and stormwater management in developed areas.

Section 1. Statewide Program

Monies from the Fund will support a new statewide program that will partner with counties of all classifications to remediate affected waterways.

Section 2. Application

The application by counties must include remediation project details and justification for receiving Fund monies. The program will disperse available funding in equal shares to counties that apply by the end of each fiscal year.

Section 3. Revenue

Five percent of budget surplus dollars at the end of the fiscal year will be earmarked for the Fund.

Section 4. Definitions

The following word when used in this act shall have the meanings given to it in this section:

“Affected waterway.” A waterway as classified by the Department of Environmental Protection as impaired.

“Project.” Techniques both modern or historically efficient taken by county government, a non-profit or farmer to restore water quality.

This act shall take effect in 60 days.