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**Legislative Audit Advisory Commission Accepts Audit of
General Assembly's 2018 Finances**
Audit report available to public online

HARRISBURG – The bicameral, bipartisan Legislative Audit Advisory Commission (LAAC), chaired by Rep. Mark Keller (R-Perry/Cumberland), today voted to accept the audit report of the Pennsylvania General Assembly's finances for the 2017-18 fiscal year as conducted by an independent certified public accounting firm.

The annual audit of the various legislative departments and service agencies revealed a reserve of **\$137,872,630**, as of June 30, 2018. The audit was carried out by Boyer and Ritter LLC of Camp Hill.

“The point of the annual legislative audit is to confirm that we, the people’s representatives to state government, are following the policies, procedures and the law when we expend our appropriated state funds,” Keller said. “Today we accepted the final audit of the General Assembly’s expenditures for the last fiscal year which ended June 30, 2018, so these numbers are already months old and out of date, but show we followed the generally accepted policies and procedures.”

The full audit and report can be viewed on the Pennsylvania General Assembly website, www.legis.state.pa.us, or at the direct link, www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/cteeInfo/laac.cfm. Audits and reports from the previous 11 years are also available online.

Below is a breakdown of the reserves included in the audit (as of June 30, 2018):

- House of Representatives – \$53,200,395.
- Senate – \$27,235,211.
- Legislative Reference Bureau – \$7,611,492.
- Legislative Budget and Finance Committee – \$2,150,219.
- Legislative Data Processing Committee – \$28,772,682.
- Joint State Government Commission – \$1,285,228.
- Local Government Commission – \$971,911.

- Legislative Air and Water Pollution Control Commission – \$508,355.
- LAAC – \$482,000.
- Independent Regulatory Review Commission – \$1,900,728.
- Capitol Preservation Committee – \$3,503,782.
- Independent Fiscal Office – \$3,590,264.
- Pennsylvania Legislative Reapportionment Commission – \$2,759,999.
- Commonwealth Mail Processing Center – \$6,459,252.
- Center for Rural Pennsylvania – \$640,031.

The LAAC was formed as a result of Act 151 of 1970. The commission is charged with conducting the annual financial audit of the General Assembly as required by Article VIII, Section 10 of the Constitution of Pennsylvania. Audits are conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards.

LAAC consists of eight members, including a majority and a minority member of the House of Representatives and two public members appointed by the House speaker; and a majority and a minority member of the Senate and two public members appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate.

Current commission members include: Keller, Rep. Patrick Harkins (D-Erie), Sen. Patrick Browne (R-Lehigh), Sen. Lawrence Farnese (D-Philadelphia), Peter Barsz (House appointee), Jeffrey Berdahl (House appointee), Gregory Jordan (Senate appointee) and Ira Weiss (Senate appointee).

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