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INTRODUCED BY C. WILLIAMS, DELOZIER, RAPP, LAWRENCE, STENDER,  
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, DECEMBER 8, 2023

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of November 22, 1978 (P.L.1166, No.274),  
2 entitled "An act establishing the Pennsylvania Commission on  
3 Crime and Delinquency, providing for its powers and duties  
4 establishing several advisory committees within the  
5 commission and providing for their powers and duties,"  
6 further providing for definitions and for justice  
7 reinvestment grants, phase 2.

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

10 Section 1. The definition of "fund" in section 1 of the act  
11 of November 22, 1978 (P.L.1166, No.274), referred to as the  
12 Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency Law, is amended  
13 to read:

14 Section 1. Definitions.

15 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall  
16 have, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the  
17 meanings given to them in this section:

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19 "Fund." The Justice Reinvestment Fund [established under  
20 section 8.1(a)] in the State Treasury.

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2 Section 2. Section 9.1(a), (b), (c), (d) and (f) of the act  
3 are amended to read:

4 Section 9.1. Justice reinvestment grants, phase 2.

5 (a) Justice Reinvestment Fund.--The Justice Reinvestment  
6 Fund is continued in the State Treasury. The fund will be  
7 utilized to support programs and activities to improve the  
8 delivery of criminal justice services within this Commonwealth.

9 (b) Savings assessment.--For fiscal years 2021-2022, 2022-  
10 2023, 2023-2024 [and], 2024-2025, 2025-2026 and 2026-2027, the  
11 Office of the Budget shall calculate the amount of savings to  
12 the Department of Corrections in the prior fiscal year. The  
13 calculation shall consist of savings from the following:

14 (1) implementation of short sentence parole under 61  
15 Pa.C.S. § [6137.5] 6137.1 (relating to short sentence  
16 parole);

17 (2) increased use of the State drug treatment program  
18 under 61 Pa.C.S. Ch. 41 (relating to State [intermediate  
19 punishment] Drug Treatment Program); or

20 (3) use of sanctions for technical parole violations  
21 under 61 Pa.C.S. § 6138(c)(1.2) (relating to violation of  
22 terms of parole).

23 (c) Deposit.--The following amounts shall be deposited into  
24 the Justice Reinvestment Fund:

25 (1) In fiscal year 2021-2022, an amount not to exceed  
26 100% of the amount calculated to be savings in the prior  
27 fiscal year.

28 (2) In fiscal years 2022-2023, 2023-2024 [and] 2024-  
29 2025, 2025-2026 and 2026-2027, an amount in each year not to  
30 exceed 50% of the amount calculated to be savings in the

1 prior fiscal year.

2 (3) In fiscal year [2025-2026] 2027-2028, an amount not  
3 to exceed 90% of the amount calculated to be savings in the  
4 prior fiscal year.

5 (d) Distributions.--

6 (1) For fiscal years 2021-2022, 2022-2023[,] and 2023-  
7 2024 [and 2024-2025], the sum of \$250,000 shall be  
8 distributed to the commission for the purpose of crime victim  
9 compensation and the sum of \$400,000 shall be distributed to  
10 the Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing to implement risk  
11 assessment and justice reinvestment sentencing features. [The  
12 remaining deposits in subsection (c) shall be distributed  
13 under section 10.1.]

14 (2) For fiscal years 2024-2025 and 2025-2026, sums shall  
15 be distributed as follows:

16 (i) The sum of \$250,000 shall be distributed to the  
17 commission for the purpose of crime victim compensation.

18 (ii) The sum of \$200,000 shall be distributed to the  
19 Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing to implement risk  
20 assessment and justice reinvestment sentencing features.

21 (iii) The sum of \$200,000 shall be distributed to  
22 county correctional facilities for the purpose of  
23 improving safety and security and staff recruitment  
24 programs.

25 (3) For fiscal year 2026-2027, sums shall be distributed  
26 as follows:

27 (i) The sum of \$250,000 shall be distributed to the  
28 commission for purposes of crime victim compensation.

29 (ii) The sum of \$400,000 shall be distributed to  
30 county correctional facilities for the purpose of

1           improving safety and security and staff recruitment  
2           programs.

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4           [(f) Expiration.--This section shall expire July 15, 2026.]

5           Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.