
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 544 Session of
2017

INTRODUCED BY BROWNE, SCARNATI, COSTA, EICHELBERGER, KILLION,
MENSCH, BAKER, YUDICHAK, BLAKE, REGAN AND RAFFERTY,
MARCH 24, 2017

REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, MARCH 24, 2017

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in authorized disposition of
3 offenders, providing for district attorney justice fee.

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

6 Section 1. Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 1111. District attorney justice fee.

9 (a) General rule.--Unless the court finds that undue
10 hardship would result, a mandatory fee equal to \$20, which shall
11 be in addition to any other costs imposed by law, shall
12 automatically be assessed on an individual convicted of or
13 granted Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition for or an
14 individual who pleads guilty or nolo contendere to a violation
15 of the act of April 14, 1972 (P.L.233, No.64), known as The
16 Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act, this title
17 or 75 Pa.C.S. Ch. 38 (relating to driving after imbibing alcohol
18 or utilizing drugs).

1 (b) District attorney justice fund.--The fee shall be
2 deposited into a special fund in each county to be known as the
3 district attorney justice fund. No more than 10% of the fee
4 collected may be retained by the county for its administrative
5 costs related to collecting the fee for deposit into the
6 county's district attorney justice fund. Ten percent of the fee
7 collected shall be used by the county to fund court operations.

8 (c) Primary use.--The money in each county's district
9 attorney justice fund is appropriated on a continuing basis to
10 the county district attorney. The district attorney shall make
11 available money from the district attorney justice fund for law
12 enforcement agencies for the purpose of providing criminal
13 justice enhancements of local criminal justice system policies,
14 work processes and information sharing and distribution which
15 may include any of the following:

16 (1) Homeland security activities.

17 (2) Victim and witness services.

18 (3) Information sharing between law enforcement
19 agencies.

20 (4) Criminal justice process improvements.

21 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.