

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 532 Session of 2009

INTRODUCED BY BROWNE, BOSCOLA, FONTANA, ALLOWAY, LOGAN, MUSTO,  
ERICKSON, WOZNIAK, WASHINGTON, RAFFERTY AND WONDERLING,  
MARCH 2, 2009

REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, MARCH 2, 2009

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, imposing a district attorney justice  
3 fee for convictions.

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 any individual convicted of or  
13 granted Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition for or any  
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 funds in each county's district  
9 attorney justice fund are appropriated on a continuing basis to  
10 the county district attorney. The district attorney shall make  
11 available moneys 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.