

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 222

Sponsor: REPRESENTATIVE MARSICO

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1 Amend Bill, page 1, line 4, by striking out the period after
2 "pleas" and inserting
3 ; and, in Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts,
4 providing for senior judge operational support grant program.

5 Amend Bill, page 4, by inserting between lines 2 and 3

6 Section 2. Title 42 is amended by adding a section to read:
7 § 1906.1. Senior judge operational support grant program.

8 (a) Continuation.--The Court Administrator of Pennsylvania
9 shall continue the program to defray the costs imposed on
10 counties by the rules of judicial administration for facilities
11 and staff for senior judges assigned to the courts of common
12 pleas.

13 (b) Availability.--Grants shall be made available to
14 counties based on the level of operational support provided by a
15 county to:

16 (1) Senior judges formerly of the judicial district in
17 which the county is situated who are regularly or
18 periodically assigned in that county or who are assigned
19 under section 4544 (relating to convening multicounty
20 investigating grand jury).

21 (2) Visiting senior judges.

22 (c) Purpose.--Grants shall reimburse counties for
23 operational support provided by the county during the preceding
24 calendar year. Grants shall be calculated based on use of
25 judicial chambers, utilization of the services of a law clerk
26 and utilization of the services of a secretary, which chambers
27 or services are deemed adequate and appropriate by the
28 Administrative Office as follows:

29 (1) Use of judicial chambers shall be reimbursed at the
30 rate of \$60 per day, billable in one-half-day increments.

31 (2) Utilization of services of a law clerk shall be
32 reimbursed at \$20 per hour.

33 (3) Utilization of services of a secretary shall be
34 reimbursed at \$12 per hour.

35 (d) Reimbursement.--

36 (1) Counties shall be reimbursed upon timely application
37 by the board of commissioners or, in the absence of a board

1 of commissioners, the executive authority of the county or,
2 in the case of a county which is coterminous with a city of
3 the first class, the mayor of the city of the first class.

4 (2) The application shall be certified by the president
5 judge of the judicial district in which the county is
6 situated, shall include such documentation as may be required
7 by the Administrative Office.

8 (3) The due dates for applications for operational
9 support provided during each calendar year shall be
10 established by the Court Administrator of Pennsylvania.

11 (e) Minimum standards.--The Administrative Office shall set
12 forth minimum standards regarding adequacy, appropriateness and
13 quality of judicial chambers and services required to qualify
14 for reimbursement.

15 (f) Reduction.--In the event that the total reimbursement
16 qualifying for payment for any calendar year exceeds the amount
17 appropriated by the General Assembly for such purpose, the Court
18 Administrator of Pennsylvania shall proportionally reduce the
19 grant for each county so that the total of all grants does not
20 exceed the amount appropriated.

21 (g) Limit on grant amount.--No county shall receive more
22 than 20% of the amount appropriated for senior judge operational
23 support grants in any fiscal year.

24 (h) Report.--Not later than 60 days following payment of
25 grants for any year, the Court Administrator of Pennsylvania
26 shall make a report to the Appropriations Committee of the
27 Senate and the Appropriations Committee of the House of
28 Representatives setting forth the payments made to counties and
29 the services provided.

30 Amend Bill, page 4, line 3, by striking out "2" and inserting
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32 Amend Bill, page 4, by inserting between lines 11 and 12

33 (3) The addition of 42 Pa.C.S. § 1906.1 shall apply
34 retroactively to July 1, 2017.

35 Amend Bill, page 4, line 12, by striking out "3" and
36 inserting

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