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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

No. 1120 Session of  
2020

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INTRODUCED BY BAKER, FARNESE, KILLION, K. WARD, J. WARD AND  
REGAN, APRIL 17, 2020

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REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, APRIL 17, 2020

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the  
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in sentencing, further  
3 providing for payment of court costs, restitution and fines.

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

6 Section 1. Section 9730 of Title 42 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subsection to read:  
8 § 9730. Payment of court costs, restitution and fines.

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10 (c) Judicial emergencies.--

11 (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter,  
12 during the time period of a judicial emergency declared under  
13 Article V of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, a law of this  
14 Commonwealth, a rule of court or other judicial order by the  
15 Supreme Court or any agency or unit of the unified judicial  
16 system exercising a power or performing a duty in accordance  
17 with section 1721 (relating to delegation of powers), the  
18 failure to pay court costs, restitution or fines otherwise

1 due during the declared judicial emergency shall not be  
2 considered a default for the purposes of this section. A  
3 defendant shall have an additional 30 days after the  
4 expiration of the declared judicial emergency to pay court  
5 costs, restitution or fines otherwise due. The failure to pay  
6 court costs, restitution or fines otherwise due during the  
7 additional 30-day period specified under this paragraph shall  
8 be considered a default for the purposes of this section.

9 (2) This subsection shall apply to any judicial district  
10 for which a judicial emergency is declared. If a Statewide  
11 judicial emergency is declared, this subsection shall apply  
12 to all judicial districts. This subsection shall be  
13 retroactive to March 18, 2020.

14 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.