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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

No. 516 Session of  
2021

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INTRODUCED BY BROWNE, MARTIN, MENSCH, STEFANO AND LANGERHOLC,  
APRIL 1, 2021

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REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, APRIL 1, 2021

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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(b)(4) of Title 42 of the  
7 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended and subsection (b)  
8 is amended by adding a paragraph to read:

9 § 9730. Payment of court costs, restitution and fines.

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11 (b) Procedures regarding default.--

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13 (2.1) If the issuing authority, senior judge or senior  
14 magisterial district judge schedules a financial  
15 determination hearing for the defendant and provides notice  
16 to a defendant of the hearing, but the defendant fails to  
17 appear at the financial determination hearing, the issuing  
18 authority, senior judge or senior magisterial district judge

1 may turn the delinquent account over to a private collection  
2 agency, as provided by law.

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4 (4) A decision of the issuing authority, senior judge or  
5 senior magisterial district judge under paragraph (2), (2.1)  
6 or (3) is subject to section 5105 (relating to right to  
7 appellate review).

8 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.