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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled  
2 "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the  
3 executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the  
4 Executive Department thereof and the administrative  
5 departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof,  
6 including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or  
7 Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or  
8 authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative  
9 departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and  
10 duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative  
11 officers, and of the several administrative departments,  
12 boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the  
13 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive  
14 and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of  
15 certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and  
16 other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards,  
17 and commissions; providing for judicial administration; and  
18 prescribing the manner in which the number and compensation  
19 of the deputies and all other assistants and employes of  
20 certain departments, boards and commissions shall be  
21 determined," in judicial administration, further providing  
22 for surcharge and fee and providing for investigation and  
23 prosecution of Internet crimes against children; and  
24 establishing the Internet Crimes Against Children Restricted  
25 Account.

26 This act shall be referred to as Alicia's Law.

27 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

28 hereby enacts as follows:

29 Section 1. Section 2802-E(a)(2) of the act of April 9, 1929

1 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929,  
2 added November 1, 2023 (P.L.154, No.22), is amended to read:  
3 Section 2802-E. Surcharge and fee.

4 (a) Imposition.--

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6 (2) The following apply:

7 (i) In addition to the fees imposed under 42 Pa.C.S.  
8 § 3733(a.1), a surcharge of \$11.25 shall be charged and  
9 collected by a division of the Unified Judicial System.

10 (ii) The surcharge under this paragraph shall be  
11 deposited [in the Judicial Department Operations  
12 Augmentation Account established under section 1795.1-  
13 E(d) of The Fiscal Code.] as follows:

14 (A) Amounts collected under subparagraph (i)  
15 which are collected upon a conviction or guilty plea  
16 based on the filing of a traffic citation charging an  
17 offense under 75 Pa.C.S. (relating to vehicles) which  
18 is classified as summary under a State statute or  
19 local ordinance as provided in the Pennsylvania Rules  
20 of Criminal Procedure shall be deposited into the  
21 Prosecution of Internet Crimes Against Children  
22 Restricted Account established under section 2803-  
23 E(c)(1).

24 (B) The remainder of the amounts collected under  
25 subparagraph (i) shall be deposited into the Judicial  
26 Department Operations Augmentation Account  
27 established under section 1795.1-E(d) of The Fiscal  
28 Code.

29 (iii) This paragraph shall expire July 31, 2025.

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1 Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:  
2 Section 2803-E. Investigation and prosecution of Internet  
3 crimes against children.

4 (a) Establishment of task force.--The Attorney General may  
5 establish a task force to investigate and prosecute violations  
6 of 18 Pa.C.S. Ch. 31 (relating to sexual offenses) committed  
7 against individuals under 18 years of age using the Internet. A  
8 task force established under this subsection shall meet the  
9 requirements of 34 U.S.C. § 21114 (relating to duties and  
10 functions of task forces).

11 (b) Designation of task forces.--No later than 60 days after  
12 the effective date of this subsection and each January 1  
13 thereafter, the Attorney General shall designate all task forces  
14 in this Commonwealth that meet the requirements of 34 U.S.C. §  
15 21114, including a task force established under subsection (a).  
16 The Attorney General shall transmit notice of the list of the  
17 task force designations under this section to the Legislative  
18 Reference Bureau for publication in the next available issue of  
19 the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

20 (c) Funding.--

21 (1) The Internet Crimes Against Children Restricted  
22 Account is established as a restricted account in the General  
23 Fund.

24 (2) Money in the Internet Crimes Against Children  
25 Restricted Account may only be used to provide grants and  
26 financial support for task forces designated under subsection  
27 (b).

28 (3) Money in the Internet Crimes Against Children  
29 Restricted Account may only be used upon appropriation by the  
30 General Assembly.

1 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.