

No. 1987-64

AN ACT

SB 815

Providing for the establishment, funding and operation of a special restricted receipt account within the General Fund to support the establishment and operation of a Statewide judicial computer system; providing for annual appropriations from the restricted funds; and providing for the payment of a portion of all fines, fees and costs collected by the judiciary into the restricted receipt account.

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

Section 1. Establishment of restricted receipt account.

There is hereby established within the General Fund a restricted receipt account to be known as the Judicial Computer System Augmentation Account.

Section 2. Utilization of funds in account.

(a) General rule.—Except for the repayments under subsection (b), all moneys deposited into the Judicial Computer System Augmentation Account shall be used only for the initial start-up and the ongoing operations of the Statewide judicial computer system.

(b) General Fund repayments.—Any funds appropriated by the General Assembly from the General Fund for the start-up and operation of the Statewide judicial computer system shall be repaid to the General Fund from the Judicial Computer System Augmentation Account over a five-year period beginning twenty-four months after the initial appropriation from the General Fund.

Section 3. Deposits into the account.

(a) General rule.—Beginning July 1, 1987, and thereafter, the total of all fines, fees and costs collected by any division of the unified judicial system which are in excess of the amount collected from such sources in the fiscal year 1986-1987 shall be deposited in the Judicial Computer System Augmentation Account. Any fines, fees or costs which are allocated by law to counties and municipalities shall not be affected by this act.

(b) Limitation on total amount in account.—Until July 1, 1994, the total amount of funds annually deposited into the Judicial Computer System Augmentation Account shall not exceed \$20,000,000 per year. For the period July 1, 1994, and thereafter, the total amount of funds annually deposited into the Judicial Computer System Augmentation Account shall not exceed \$10,000,000 per year. All moneys in excess of these amounts shall be deposited into the appropriate funds designated by law.

Section 4. Annual appropriations.

Beginning with the fiscal year 1987-1988, the General Assembly shall appropriate initially from the General Fund and thereafter from the Judicial Computer System Augmentation Account funds sufficient to meet the costs

of the initial start-up and the ongoing operations of the Statewide judicial computer system.

Section 5. Review of plan and contracts.

A copy of the plan for expenditure of appropriated funds and a copy of each contract prior to execution shall be submitted to the respective Chairmen of the Majority and Minority Appropriations Committees in the House of Representatives and the Senate allowing a reasonable time for their review and comment.

Section 6. Repeal.

All acts and parts of acts are repealed insofar as they are inconsistent with this act.

Section 7. Effective date.

This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 13th day of July, A. D. 1987.

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