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AND GREEN, JUNE 9, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JUNE 9, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in judicial boards and
3 commissions, providing for structured fines.

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

6 Section 1. Title 42 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 2154.8. Structured fines.

9 (a) Adoption.--The commission shall adopt guidelines for the
10 use of structured fines, in consultation with the planning
11 committee established under subsection (b), using guidelines
12 found in Monograph NCJ 156242, regarding the use of structured
13 fines as an intermediate sanction, of the United States
14 Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of
15 Justice Assistance.

16 (b) Planning committee.--To aid in the creation of
17 structured fine guidelines, the commission shall establish a
18 planning committee, which shall be comprised of at least the

1 following individuals:

2 (1) A chief or presiding judge of a court of common
3 pleas.

4 (2) A prosecutor.

5 (3) A public defender.

6 (4) A representative of the private defense bar.

7 (5) A court administrator.

8 (6) An agency director for pretrial services.

9 (7) A chief probation officer or director of a community
10 corrections agency within this Commonwealth.

11 (8) A sheriff or jail administrator.

12 (9) At least three individuals who are active members of
13 a criminal justice advocacy group within this Commonwealth.

14 (10) Any other individual that the commission finds
15 necessary for creating the guidelines.

16 (c) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
17 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
18 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

19 "Structured fine." A monetary sanction adjusted according to
20 the seriousness of the offense and the financial status of the
21 offender. The term is also referred to as a day fine.

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