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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in other offenses, further providing
3 for Substance Abuse Education and Demand Reduction Fund.

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

6 Section 1. Section 7508.1(a), (f) and (g) of Title 18 of the
7 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

8 § 7508.1. Substance Abuse Education and Demand Reduction Fund.

9 (a) Establishment.--The Substance Abuse Education and Demand
10 Reduction Fund is hereby established as an account in the State
11 Treasury. This fund shall be administered by the Pennsylvania
12 Commission on Crime and Delinquency and shall be comprised of
13 costs imposed and collected in accordance with the provisions of
14 this section. [All moneys in the fund and the interest accruing
15 thereon are hereby appropriated, upon approval of the Governor,
16 to the commission to carry out the provisions of this section.]
17 Money in the fund may only be used for the purposes provided in
18 subsection (f) upon appropriation by the General Assembly.

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2 (f) Grants.--[Notwithstanding any other provision of law,
3 the commission shall, upon written application and subsequent
4 approval, use moneys received under this section to annually
5 award grants to approved applicants in the following manner:]

6 (1) [(i) Subject to the provisions of subparagraph
7 (ii), 45% of grant moneys deposited into the fund each
8 fiscal year] Amounts appropriated to the commission for
9 substance abuse reduction grants shall be made available
10 by the commission, upon written application and
11 subsequent approval, to nonprofit organizations to
12 provide research-based approaches to prevention,
13 intervention, training, treatment and education services
14 to reduce substance abuse or to provide resources to
15 assist families in assessing the services. Nonprofit
16 organizations may jointly apply for grant moneys with a
17 local government unit but shall not be required to do so.

18 [(ii) (A) Up to 20% of grant moneys available under
19 subparagraph (i) may be used to:] (1.1) (i) Amounts
20 appropriated to the commission for victim impact
21 panel grants shall be made available by the
22 commission, upon written application and subsequent
23 approval, to:

24 [(I)] (A) Assist in the start-up of victim
25 impact panel programs under 75 Pa.C.S. §
26 3804(f.1) (relating to penalties).

27 [(II)] (B) Study the impact outcome and
28 benefits of victim impact panels within this
29 Commonwealth, including the impact of victim
30 impact panels on driving under the influence

1 recidivism and their impact on the well-being of
2 participating victims.

3 [(III)] (C) Provide assistance for the
4 ongoing operation of victim impact panels.

5 [(B)] (ii) An applicant for a grant under this
6 [subparagraph] paragraph may be an entity other than
7 a nonprofit organization.

8 (2) [Twenty percent of grant moneys deposited into the
9 fund each fiscal year] Amounts appropriated to the commission
10 for substance abuse public education initiatives shall be
11 made available by the commission, upon written application
12 and subsequent approval, to eligible organizations to educate
13 youth, caregivers of youth and employers about the dangers of
14 substance abuse and to increase the awareness of the benefits
15 of a drug-free Pennsylvania through media-related efforts
16 that may include public service announcements, public
17 awareness campaigns and media literacy.

18 (3) [Twenty percent of grant moneys deposited into the
19 fund each fiscal year] Amounts appropriated to the commission
20 for substance abuse workplace education initiatives shall be
21 made available by the commission, upon written application
22 and subsequent approval, to eligible organizations to educate
23 employers, unions and employees about the dangers of
24 substance abuse in the workplace and provide comprehensive
25 drug-free workplace programs and technical resources for
26 businesses, including, but not limited to, training for
27 working parents to keep their children drug free.

28 (4) [Ten percent of the grant moneys deposited into the
29 fund each fiscal year shall be transferred annually to]
30 Amounts appropriated to the Office of Attorney General shall

1 be used for the Community Drug Abuse Prevention Grant Program
2 within the Office of Attorney General.

3 (g) Administration.--The commission shall develop guidelines
4 and procedures necessary to implement the grant program. The
5 commission shall equitably distribute grant moneys to approved
6 applicants under subsection (f) (1) and (1.1) and eligible
7 organizations under subsection (f) (2) and (3). [Each fiscal year
8 the commission shall make available grant moneys equaling,
9 except for funds to be transferred under subsection (f) (4) and
10 administrative funds as provided for in this subsection, the
11 balance of moneys deposited into the fund as of June 30 of the
12 previous fiscal year.] No more than 5% of total moneys
13 [deposited in the fund] appropriated to the commission from the
14 fund during a fiscal year may be used by the commission to
15 administer the provisions of this section.

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17 Section 2. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2020, or
18 immediately, whichever is later.