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NJSA: 2A:8-21.2   ("Automated Traffic System Fund")

LAWS OF: 1990   CHAPTER: 96

Bill No: S2424

Sponsor(s):   O'Connor

Date Introduced: March 8, 1990

Committee: Assembly: -----

             Senate: Revenue, Finance; Judiciary

Amended during passage: Yes   Amendments during passage denoted by asterisks.

Date of Passage: Assembly: June 28, 1990

                 Senate: June 28, 1990

Date of Approval: September 24, 1990-not signed by Governor

Following statements are attached if available:

Sponsor statement: Yes

Committee Statement: Assembly: No

                 Senate: Yes   4-26-90 & 3-19-90

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Veto Message: No

Message on signing: Yes

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SENATE, No. 2424

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED MARCH 8, 1990

By Senators O'CONNOR, JACKMAN and COWAN

1   *AN ACT* concerning the establishment of an Automated Traffic
2   System Fund and supplementing Title 39 of the Revised
3   Statutes.
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5   BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the*
6   *State of New Jersey:*
7   1. a. The Legislature finds and declares that there is a need to
8   improve the management, efficiency and effectiveness of
9   municipal court operations and quality of justice by providing
10   funds:
11   (1) To be utilized by the Administrative Office of the Courts
12   to design, equip, operate and maintain a standardized, Statewide
13   computer system, including integrated traffic ticket control,
14   court financial accounting, case processing, statistical reporting
15   services and other components necessary to automate municipal
16   court operations; and
17   (2) To ensure the smooth exchange of automated information
18   among the Judiciary, the Division of Motor Vehicles, and other
19   public agencies.
20   b. In order to accomplish these purposes, there is created the
21   "Automated Traffic System Fund." The fund shall be a dedicated
22   fund within the [1][general fund] General Fund[1] and administered
23   by the Administrative Office of the Courts. [1]The fund shall be
24   the depository of moneys realized from [2][$1.00 of every
25   assessment of court costs collected pursuant to N.J.S.22A:3-4]
26   the $1.00 surcharge imposed pursuant to section 6 of P.L.1990,
27   c. (C.) (now pending before the Legislature as Senate Bill
28   No. 2423 of 1990[2] and any other moneys made available for the
29   purposes of the fund.[1]
30   c. The Supreme Court may issue Rules of Court to effectuate
31   the purposes of this act.
32   [2]2. a. Nothing in this act shall be deemed to prevent a
33   municipality which on the operational date of this act maintains
34   an autonomous computer system for integrated traffic ticket
35   control, court financial accounting, case processing and
36   statistical reporting services from continuing to operate that
37   system independent of the Automated Traffic System computer
38   network.

EXPLANATION--Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the
above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.
Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:
[1] Senate SRF committee amendments adopted April 26, 1990.
[2] Senate floor amendments adopted June 25, 1990.

1   b. The Administrative Office of the Court shall report to the
2   special committee created pursuant to the provisions of section 7
3   of P.L. , c. (C.) (now pending before the Legislature as
4   Senate Bill 2423) on the feasibility and cost of integrating any
5   computer system maintained pursuant to the provisions of
6   subsection a. of this section with the Automated Traffic System
7   computer network. This report shall be submitted to the special
8   committee within 30 days of its organization.[2]

9   [2][2.] 3.[2] This act shall take effect immediately, but shall
10 remain inoperative until the operative date of P.L. , c.
11 (C.) (now pending before the Legislature as Senate Bill No.
12 2423 of 1990) and shall not apply to offenses committed prior to
13 the operative date [2]and shall expire three years thereafter[2].

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8 improve the management, efficiency and effectiveness of
9 municipal court operations and quality of justice by providing
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11   (1) To be utilized by the Administrative Office of the Courts
12 to design, equip, operate and maintain a standardized, statewide
13 computer system, including integrated traffic ticket control,
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18 among the Judiciary, the Division of Motor Vehicles, and other
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28 pending before the Legislature as Senate Bill No.   of 1990) and
29 shall not apply to offenses committed prior to the operative date.
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32 STATEMENT
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34   This bill creates the "Automated Traffic System Fund," which
35 finances a computer system involving high-speed data exchanges
36 among the municipal courts, the Administrative Office of the
37 Courts, the Division of Motor Vehicles, and other governmental
38 agencies.
39   According to figures compiled by the Administrative Office of
40 the Courts (AOC), the municipal courts process over 5 million
41 traffic and parking cases a year. The Automated Traffic System
42 would improve the processing of this caseload by increasing

1   municipal court staff productivity; streamlining case processing;
2   providing more accurate statistical reporting of drug-related and
3   other specified categories of cases; and providing automated,
4   direct exchanges of information between the Division of Motor
5   Vehicles and the municipal courts for drivers' registration
6   checks, conviction records, license revocations and drivers'
7   record abstracts.
8   The Automated Traffic System has been operating on a pilot
9   basis in five municipal courts, and, according to the AOC, has
10   been shown to increase efficiency and increase revenue
11   collection. For example, the AOC reports that revenue
12   collections increased 63% (from $505,537 to $825,277) in the New
13   Brunswick municipal court in the ten-month period following the
14   court's conversion from a manual system to the Automated
15   Traffic System.
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20   Creates the "Automated Traffic System Fund."

SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2424

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 19, 1990

The Senate Judiciary Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2424.

The Automated Traffic System (ATS) is a computer system which is intended to link the municipal courts, the Division of Motor Vehicles and law enforcement agencies with a statewide common database for all parking and traffic matters and to establish the first statewide electronic traffic warrant system. To date ATS has been installed in 104 municipal courts processing nearly 36% of the State's parking and traffic summons with installation scheduled for 38 additional courts and another 271 courts awaiting scheduling. According to data provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts, the collection rate on traffic and parking tickets in courts with ATS has substantially improved. This bill would create the "Automated Traffic System Fund" to act as a permanent source for financing the expansion of the ATS. This fund would be administered by the AOC.

SENATE REVENUE, FINANCE AND
APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[CORRECTED COPY]

SENATE, No. 2424

with Senate committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: APRIL 26, 1990

The Senate Revenue, Finance and Appropriations Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No. 2424 CC, with amendments.

Senate Bill No. 2424 CC, as amended, creates the "Automated Traffic System Fund" to be administered by the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC). The fund shall be the depository for the $1.00 collected pursuant to N.J.S. 22A:3-4, as amended by Senate Bill No. 2423 1R, and any other moneys made available therefor. The moneys in the fund are to be utilized by the AOC to automate municipal court operation and provide for the efficient exchange of information among public agencies.

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The Committee amendments clarify that the ATS Fund shall be the depository of the $1.00 collected pursuant to N.J.S. 22A:3-4 (as amended by Senate Bill No. 2423 1R) and any other moneys made available therefor.

FISCAL IMPACT

This bill contains no appropriation. The bill establishes the Automated Traffic System Fund to be administered by the AOC in order to automate municipal court operations and the exchange of information among public agencies. A source of moneys for the fund is the $1.00 required to be collected for violations of traffic ordinances pursuant to the provisions of Senate Bill No. 2423 1R.

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ADVISORY

Governor Jim Florio today allowed three bills to become law. The bills will provide funds to local governments for wastewater treatment and improve the efficiency of the municipal court system.

The bills which became law are:

*S-2682, which authorizes funds for wastewater treatment to the following communities:
  *Phillipsburg
  *East Windsor
  *Randolph Township
  *Passaic
  *Maple Shade
  *Bernardsville Borough
  *Burlington City
  *Morris Township
  *Somerset Raritan Valley
  *Manville
  *Long Branch
  *Millville
  *Camden County
  *Hightstown Borough
  *Middlesex County
  *Camden County MUA
  *Wayne Township

*S-2423, which authorizes municipal court judges to assess an additional $10 in court costs for motor vehicle violations to fund the Automated Traffic System (ATS), which links motor vehicle agencies around the State.

*S-2424, which creates the Automated Traffic System Fund as the repository for monies dedicated to finance the Statewide implementation of a computerized data system on motor vehicle offenses.

All three of the bills contain provisions which tie their effectiveness to the signing of other bills, a practice which Florio has previously criticized. On September 10, Florio conditionally vetoed A-3697/S-2683 which appropriated funds for the Wastewater Treatment Trust.

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