

(b) (1) The court costs in a criminal case in which costs are imposed are [~~\$15.00~~] ~~\$25~~ \$20.

(2) The costs shall be in addition to any costs imposed in a criminal case under the Criminal Injuries Compensation Act.

(c) (1) The filing fees and costs in a civil case are those prescribed by law subject to modification by law, rule, or administrative regulation.

(2) The Court of Appeals may provide by rule for waiver of prepayment of filing fees and other costs in cases of indigency.

(d) When a person pays court costs or a fine with a check in any motor vehicle, criminal, or civil case in the District Court, and the check is returned to the court by the financial institution on which it is drawn because of insufficient funds in the account, or because the account has been closed or never existed, then the court may impose additional costs of \$10 against the party issuing the check. These costs shall be in addition to any other penalty now prescribed by law.

(e) The Comptroller shall establish a Law Enforcement and Correctional Training Fund, as provided in Article 41, § 4-1301 of the Code, and the Comptroller shall pay into the Fund [one third] ~~ONE-FIFTH~~ ONE-FOURTH of all court costs collected by the District Court under subsections (a) and (b)(1) of this section.

(F) THE COMPTROLLER SHALL ANNUALLY PAY FROM THE COURT COSTS COLLECTED BY THE DISTRICT COURT UNDER SUBSECTIONS (A) AND (B)(1) OF THIS SECTION:

(1) \$500,000 INTO THE CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER ARTICLE 26A, § 17A OF THE CODE; AND

(2) \$125,000 INTO THE VICTIM AND WITNESS PROTECTION AND RELOCATION PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER ARTICLE 27, § 770A OF THE CODE.

Article 27 – Crimes and Punishments

770A.

(A) (1) THERE IS A VICTIM AND WITNESS PROTECTION AND RELOCATION FUND.

(2) THE FUND IS A SPECIAL CONTINUING, NONLAPSING FUND THAT IS NOT SUBJECT TO § 7-302 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

(3) THE TREASURER SHALL SEPARATELY HOLD AND THE COMPTROLLER SHALL ACCOUNT FOR THE FUND.

(4) THE FUND SHALL BE INVESTED AND REINVESTED IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER STATE FUNDS.

(5) ANY INVESTMENT EARNINGS OR FEDERAL MATCHING FUNDS RECEIVED BY THE STATE FOR VICTIM AND WITNESS PROTECTION OR RELOCATION SHALL BE RETAINED TO THE CREDIT OF THE FUND.