

# FISCAL NOTE

November 28, 2017

<b>Bill No:</b>	SB 741	<b>Printer's No:</b>	1243	<b>Sponsor:</b>	Greenleaf (R)
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### COST / (SAVINGS)

Fund (s)	2017-18	2018-19
Judicial System Augmentation Account	See "FISCAL IMPACT"	See "FISCAL IMPACT"
Dog Law Fund	See "FISCAL IMPACT"	See "FISCAL IMPACT"
Access to Justice	See "FISCAL IMPACT"	See "FISCAL IMPACT"

**SUMMARY:** This bill would amend Title 42 (Judiciary) adding an additional exception relating to the fines, fees and costs directed to the Judicial Computer System Augmentation Account and increasing surcharges for various court filings fees in the commonwealth.

**ANALYSIS:** Senate Bill 741 would add an additional exception to Title 42 § 3733(a) (relating to deposits into the Judicial Computer System Augmentation Account) providing that all fines, fees and costs collected by the Unified Judicial System under Act 225 of 1982 (relating to the Dog Law) be redirected to the Department of Agriculture pursuant to the Dog Law beginning July 1, 2018. The bill would also increase various court filing fees in the commonwealth by \$2.00, as defined under this act. The \$2.00 increase would be allocated to the Access to Justice Account.

This act would be effective immediately upon passage.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The Judicial System Augmentation Account would experience an annual loss of approximately \$200,000. The bill discontinues the transfer of the fines, fees and costs collected under the commonwealth's Dog Law to the Judicial System Augmentation Account and allows the Dog Law Fund to retain all revenues collected. Additionally, the Access to Justice Account would experience \$7,000,000 in increased revenues from the \$2.00 increase in court filing fees defined under this act.