

By Mr. Lewis, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1037) of Arthur Joseph Lewis, Jr., for legislation to create a court education trust fund. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-four.

AN ACT CREATING A COURT EDUCATION TRUST FUND.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 211 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by adding the following section: —

3 *Section 3G.* The Supreme Judicial Court shall administer a
4 Court Education Trust Fund, which is hereby created, for the
5 purpose of funding educational programs relating to judicial
6 business, the improvement of the judicial system and the ad-
7 ministration of justice. The moneys deposited in said trust
8 fund shall be used for travel, per diem tuition, educational
9 materials and other related costs incurred for educational pro-
10 grams, in and out of state, which will be of benefit to the
11 judges and other personnel of the courts. The Supreme Judi-
12 cial Court shall adopt a comprehensive plan for the operation
13 of the trust fund and the expenditure of the moneys therein.

14 The trust fund shall consist of the service charges assessed
15 pursuant to section four C of chapter 262 of the General Laws.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 262 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by adding the following section: —

3 *Section 4C.* A party entering a complaint, petition, appeal
4 or other action in court, in addition to the fee required pur-
5 suant to sections two, four and four A of this chapter, shall
6 be assessed a service charge of two dollars. The moneys col-
7 lected for said service charge shall be forwarded by the clerk
8 of court to the Supreme Judicial Court on a monthly basis for
9 deposit in the Court Education Trust Fund.

10 Notwithstanding the foregoing, no service charge shall be
11 paid by the commonwealth; but if the commonwealth prevails
12 in the action, the service charge shall be taxed against the
13 other party.

