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MEMORANDUM

Date: May 30, 2019

To: Honorable Chairman John Daley, Cook County Board of Commissioners
Honorable Cook County Board of Commissioners

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From: Ammar M. Rizki, Chief Financial Officer, Bureau of Finance 

Subject: **Fiscal Impact Note on Item #19-2843 Establishing Civil Fees and Criminal and Traffic Assessments to be Collected by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County**

In accordance with Sec. 2-77 of the Cook County Code of Ordinances, this note is prepared to convey the fiscal impact of item **#19-2843 Establishing Civil Fees and Criminal and Traffic Assessments to be Collected by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County**.

The ordinance amendment sets forth the fees authorized by The Criminal and Traffic Assessment Act and represents a complete restructuring of the criminal, traffic and civil fees in the circuit courts throughout the State of Illinois; the purpose of the legislation was to consolidate fees into unified schedules throughout the State of Illinois,

Below is a table that represents the average current revenue per cast type category and the estimated new revenue per under the unified schedule model that is allocated to the Clerk of the Circuit Court's Special Purpose Funds:

Case Type	Clerk of the Circuit Court Allocation		
	Current Revenue	Estimated New Revenue	Difference
Major Traffic	1,290,179	1,533,609	243,430
Minor Traffic	4,801,414	5,215,329	413,915
Summary of Civil Case Types	15,659,685	14,987,105	(672,580)
Summary of Felony Case Types	114,174	85,095	(29,079)
Summary of Misdemeanor Case Types	73,899	62,169	(11,730)
Dispositions Rule 529	4,881,328	6,808,168	1,926,840
Various Minor Fees			
			1,870,796

Below is a table that represents the average current revenue per case type category and the estimated new revenue per under the unified schedule model that is allocated to the Cook County General Fund. This chart represents revenue from specific fees that were repealed and are now consolidated into the General Fund as enumerated in the Board letter.

Case Type	General Fund Allocation		
	Current Revenue	Estimated New Revenue	Difference
Major Traffic	4,479,112	4,308,711	(170,401)
Minor Traffic	8,609,432	11,010,139	2,400,707
Summary of Civil Case Types	61,352,191	69,156,952	7,804,761
Summary of Felony Case Types	600,090	644,619	44,529
Summary of Misdemeanor Case Types	338,048	291,297	(46,751)
Dispositions Rule 529	4,367,504	6,037,432	1,669,928
Various Minor Fees	8,603,821	7,559,125	(1,044,696)
			10,658,077

The changes to the Criminal and Traffic Assessment Act represent a complete restructuring of the criminal, traffic and civil fees in the circuit courts. Fees have been increased, reduced or completely eliminated in an effort to consolidate fees into unified schedules. The estimated net increase in General Fund revenue of \$10.7 million is 93% comprised of revenue shifts from the fees below.

State's Attorney Fee	(603,130.00)
Child Advocacy Center Fee	(788,410.00)
Children's Waiting Room SPF Fee	(2,946,120.00)
Drug Court Program SPF Fee	(137,035.00)
Mental Health Program SPF Fee	(1,101,900.00)
Peer Court Program SPF Fee	(550,950.00)
Court Finance Fee	(3,577,780.00)
Arrestee's Medical Fee	(244,620.00)
	(9,949,945.00)

These revenues are based on the volume of cases coming through the County's court system. The caseload has been declining in recent years and will change subject to any further legislative changes at the State Level. Hence, as the volume of cases continues to fluctuate, the revenue associated with these fees will follow a similar trend.