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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 180

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 180 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Conviction Integrity Act.

6 Section 5. Legislative findings. The General Assembly
7 hereby finds and declares that the existence of wrongful
8 convictions constitutes not only a grave miscarriage of
9 justice, but also a serious threat to public safety, as the
10 true perpetrator of the crime remains unpunished. Therefore, in
11 order to help uncover and correct past miscarriages of justice,
12 each State's Attorney in this State should establish a
13 conviction integrity unit in his or her office to address
14 claims of wrongful conviction arising out of each county.
15 Furthermore, the General Assembly calls upon each State's
16 Attorney to vigorously exercise his or her constitutional and

1 statutory authority and use all the tools at his or her
2 disposal to fully investigate claims of actual innocence.

3 Section 10. Guidelines for conviction integrity review.
4 The Attorney General and a statewide organization representing
5 State's Attorneys shall consult on the creation of guidelines
6 for the creation of a conviction integrity unit in each State's
7 Attorney's office, and for the criteria for conviction
8 integrity review. These guidelines shall not have the force of
9 law and are considered merely advisory in nature.

10 Section 15. Use of the grand jury. In order to help
11 determine if a person was wrongfully convicted, the State's
12 Attorney may, in his or her exclusive discretion, request that
13 a grand jury subpoena witness testimony or compel the
14 production of documents or physical evidence.

15 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
16 becoming law."