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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 3713

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 3713 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Illinois Domestic Violence Act of 1986 is  
5 amended by adding Article V as follows:

6 (750 ILCS 60/Art. V heading new)

7 ARTICLE V

8 FATALITY REVIEW TEAMS

9 (750 ILCS 60/501 new)

10 Sec. 501. Short title. This Article may be cited as the  
11 Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team Law.

12 (750 ILCS 60/505 new)

13 Sec. 505. Purpose. The purpose of this Article is to allow  
14 creation of teams to identify and review the circumstances that  
15 led to domestic violence-related homicides and identify  
16 strategies to prevent future fatalities.

17 (750 ILCS 60/510 new)

18 Sec. 510. Domestic Violence Fatality Review Teams.

19 (a) A county or group of counties or a municipality with a  
20 population over 2,000,000 may establish a Domestic Violence  
21 Fatality Review Team. The Team shall identify intimate partner

1 violence-related homicides, review the circumstances that led  
2 to those deaths, and identify strategies to prevent future  
3 fatalities. For the purposes of this Article, "intimate  
4 partners" include: (i) spouses or former spouses; (ii) persons  
5 who have or allegedly have a child in common; and (iii) persons  
6 who have or had a dating or engagement relationship.

7 (b) Teams may determine which intimate partner  
8 violence-related homicides to review, but may not review cases  
9 under investigation by law enforcement or while an action is  
10 pending in criminal or civil court.

11 (c) Teams may be comprised of members who serve on an  
12 ongoing basis and members who serve on a case-specific basis.

13 (d) Teams shall include, but are not limited to,  
14 representatives from the following:

15 (1) coroners or medical examiners;

16 (2) judges and courts;

17 (3) the investigating law enforcement agency;

18 (4) prosecutors;

19 (5) a local domestic violence agency;

20 (6) health care professionals or emergency response  
21 personnel; and

22 (7) child welfare representatives.

23 (e) Teams may also include, but are not limited to, the  
24 following:

25 (1) mental health treatment providers;

26 (2) corrections and domestic partner abuse  
27 intervention providers;

28 (3) representatives from domestic violence programs;

29 (4) representatives from an area institution of higher  
30 education;

31 (5) city council members;

32 (6) survivors of domestic violence;

33 (7) county commissioners;

34 (8) local members of the clergy; and

1           (9) a family member of a decedent whose death resulted  
2           from domestic abuse.

3           (f) Teams shall have access to all appropriate information  
4           and records in possession of public and private agencies that  
5           are relevant to the review of a domestic violence fatality.  
6           This access includes, but is not limited to, access to victims  
7           and perpetrators' medical, dental, and mental health records,  
8           pathologists reports, coroners and medical examiners' records,  
9           direct service records, records of law enforcement agencies,  
10           records from the Department of Corrections and parole and  
11           probation departments, reports from state and governments,  
12           court records and information, and employment records. For the  
13           limited purpose of domestic violence fatality reviews, this  
14           subsection (f) permits the disclosure to Team members of any  
15           information deemed confidential, privileged, or prohibited  
16           from disclosure by any other Act. Release of confidential  
17           communication between domestic violence advocates and a  
18           domestic violence victim shall follow subsection (d) of Section  
19           227 of this Act, which allows for the waiver of privilege  
20           afforded to guardians or executors or administrators of the  
21           estate of the domestic violence victim.

22           (750 ILCS 60/515 new)

23           Sec. 515. Information; confidentiality. Meetings of  
24           Domestic Violence Fatality Review Teams shall be closed to the  
25           public and not subject to the Open Meetings Act. Confidential  
26           information obtained by a Team shall remain confidential and  
27           may not be disclosed by the Team. The proceedings, records,  
28           opinions, and deliberations of a Team are privileged and are  
29           not subject to discovery, subpoena, the Freedom of Information  
30           Act, or introduction into evidence in any civil action in any  
31           manner that would directly or indirectly identify specific  
32           persons or cases reviewed by the Team. Release of confidential  
33           communications between domestic violence advocates and a

1 domestic violence victim shall follow the provisions of  
2 subsection (d) of Section 227 of this Act, which allows for the  
3 waiver of privilege afforded to guardians or executors or  
4 administrators of the estate of the domestic violence victim.

5 (750 ILCS 60/520 new)

6 Sec. 520. Liability. No member of a Team and no person  
7 providing information to a Team is liable for civil damages  
8 arising out of an official act or omission during the gathering  
9 or processing of information by a Team, except for acts or  
10 omissions that constitute willful or wanton misconduct on the  
11 part of the member or person providing information, or acts  
12 performed outside the scope of the authority of the Team.

13 (750 ILCS 60/525 new)

14 Sec. 525. Statewide coordination.

15 (a) The Office of the Attorney General shall convene a  
16 statewide Domestic Violence Fatality Review Advisory Council  
17 including, but not limited to, representatives from the  
18 following professions:

19 (1) coroners or medical examiners;

20 (2) judges and courts;

21 (3) law enforcement;

22 (4) prosecutors;

23 (5) domestic violence programs and partner abuse  
24 intervention programs; and

25 (6) health care.

26 The Council shall advise regarding the development and  
27 implementation of Domestic Violence Fatality Review Teams.

28 (b) Domestic Violence Fatality Review Teams shall report  
29 annually to the Office of the Attorney General for compilation.

30 (c) The Council shall also study the feasibility of an  
31 electronic database of orders of protection issued in Illinois,  
32 accessible only to law enforcement personnel, prosecutors,

1 prosecutorial staff, judges, and court personnel.

2 (750 ILCS 60/530 new)

3 Sec. 530. Report to General Assembly. A biennial statewide  
4 report on Domestic Violence Fatality Review Teams shall be  
5 issued by the Office of the Attorney General and the Advisory  
6 Council to the Illinois General Assembly in December of  
7 even-numbered years. The annual report in December of 2008  
8 shall contain a recommendation as to whether or not the  
9 domestic violence review process provided for in this Article  
10 should continue or be terminated.

11 Section 10. The Freedom of Information Act is amended by  
12 changing Section 7 as follows:

13 (5 ILCS 140/7) (from Ch. 116, par. 207)

14 Sec. 7. Exemptions.

15 (1) The following shall be exempt from inspection and  
16 copying:

17 (a) Information specifically prohibited from  
18 disclosure by federal or State law or rules and regulations  
19 adopted under federal or State law.

20 (b) Information that, if disclosed, would constitute a  
21 clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, unless  
22 the disclosure is consented to in writing by the individual  
23 subjects of the information. The disclosure of information  
24 that bears on the public duties of public employees and  
25 officials shall not be considered an invasion of personal  
26 privacy. Information exempted under this subsection (b)  
27 shall include but is not limited to:

28 (i) files and personal information maintained with  
29 respect to clients, patients, residents, students or  
30 other individuals receiving social, medical,  
31 educational, vocational, financial, supervisory or

1           custodial care or services directly or indirectly from  
2           federal agencies or public bodies;

3           (ii) personnel files and personal information  
4           maintained with respect to employees, appointees or  
5           elected officials of any public body or applicants for  
6           those positions;

7           (iii) files and personal information maintained  
8           with respect to any applicant, registrant or licensee  
9           by any public body cooperating with or engaged in  
10          professional or occupational registration, licensure  
11          or discipline;

12          (iv) information required of any taxpayer in  
13          connection with the assessment or collection of any tax  
14          unless disclosure is otherwise required by State  
15          statute;

16          (v) information revealing the identity of persons  
17          who file complaints with or provide information to  
18          administrative, investigative, law enforcement or  
19          penal agencies; provided, however, that identification  
20          of witnesses to traffic accidents, traffic accident  
21          reports, and rescue reports may be provided by agencies  
22          of local government, except in a case for which a  
23          criminal investigation is ongoing, without  
24          constituting a clearly unwarranted per se invasion of  
25          personal privacy under this subsection; and

26          (vi) the names, addresses, or other personal  
27          information of participants and registrants in park  
28          district, forest preserve district, and conservation  
29          district programs.

30          (c) Records compiled by any public body for  
31          administrative enforcement proceedings and any law  
32          enforcement or correctional agency for law enforcement  
33          purposes or for internal matters of a public body, but only  
34          to the extent that disclosure would:

1 (i) interfere with pending or actually and  
2 reasonably contemplated law enforcement proceedings  
3 conducted by any law enforcement or correctional  
4 agency;

5 (ii) interfere with pending administrative  
6 enforcement proceedings conducted by any public body;

7 (iii) deprive a person of a fair trial or an  
8 impartial hearing;

9 (iv) unavoidably disclose the identity of a  
10 confidential source or confidential information  
11 furnished only by the confidential source;

12 (v) disclose unique or specialized investigative  
13 techniques other than those generally used and known or  
14 disclose internal documents of correctional agencies  
15 related to detection, observation or investigation of  
16 incidents of crime or misconduct;

17 (vi) constitute an invasion of personal privacy  
18 under subsection (b) of this Section;

19 (vii) endanger the life or physical safety of law  
20 enforcement personnel or any other person; or

21 (viii) obstruct an ongoing criminal investigation.

22 (d) Criminal history record information maintained by  
23 State or local criminal justice agencies, except the  
24 following which shall be open for public inspection and  
25 copying:

26 (i) chronologically maintained arrest information,  
27 such as traditional arrest logs or blotters;

28 (ii) the name of a person in the custody of a law  
29 enforcement agency and the charges for which that  
30 person is being held;

31 (iii) court records that are public;

32 (iv) records that are otherwise available under  
33 State or local law; or

34 (v) records in which the requesting party is the

1 individual identified, except as provided under part  
2 (vii) of paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of this  
3 Section.

4 "Criminal history record information" means data  
5 identifiable to an individual and consisting of  
6 descriptions or notations of arrests, detentions,  
7 indictments, informations, pre-trial proceedings, trials,  
8 or other formal events in the criminal justice system or  
9 descriptions or notations of criminal charges (including  
10 criminal violations of local municipal ordinances) and the  
11 nature of any disposition arising therefrom, including  
12 sentencing, court or correctional supervision,  
13 rehabilitation and release. The term does not apply to  
14 statistical records and reports in which individuals are  
15 not identified and from which their identities are not  
16 ascertainable, or to information that is for criminal  
17 investigative or intelligence purposes.

18 (e) Records that relate to or affect the security of  
19 correctional institutions and detention facilities.

20 (f) Preliminary drafts, notes, recommendations,  
21 memoranda and other records in which opinions are  
22 expressed, or policies or actions are formulated, except  
23 that a specific record or relevant portion of a record  
24 shall not be exempt when the record is publicly cited and  
25 identified by the head of the public body. The exemption  
26 provided in this paragraph (f) extends to all those records  
27 of officers and agencies of the General Assembly that  
28 pertain to the preparation of legislative documents.

29 (g) Trade secrets and commercial or financial  
30 information obtained from a person or business where the  
31 trade secrets or information are proprietary, privileged  
32 or confidential, or where disclosure of the trade secrets  
33 or information may cause competitive harm, including all  
34 information determined to be confidential under Section



1 4002 of the Technology Advancement and Development Act.  
2 Nothing contained in this paragraph (g) shall be construed  
3 to prevent a person or business from consenting to  
4 disclosure.

5 (h) Proposals and bids for any contract, grant, or  
6 agreement, including information which if it were  
7 disclosed would frustrate procurement or give an advantage  
8 to any person proposing to enter into a contractor  
9 agreement with the body, until an award or final selection  
10 is made. Information prepared by or for the body in  
11 preparation of a bid solicitation shall be exempt until an  
12 award or final selection is made.

13 (i) Valuable formulae, computer geographic systems,  
14 designs, drawings and research data obtained or produced by  
15 any public body when disclosure could reasonably be  
16 expected to produce private gain or public loss. The  
17 exemption for "computer geographic systems" provided in  
18 this paragraph (i) does not extend to requests made by news  
19 media as defined in Section 2 of this Act when the  
20 requested information is not otherwise exempt and the only  
21 purpose of the request is to access and disseminate  
22 information regarding the health, safety, welfare, or  
23 legal rights of the general public.

24 (j) Test questions, scoring keys and other examination  
25 data used to administer an academic examination or  
26 determined the qualifications of an applicant for a license  
27 or employment.

28 (k) Architects' plans, engineers' technical  
29 submissions, and other construction related technical  
30 documents for projects not constructed or developed in  
31 whole or in part with public funds and the same for  
32 projects constructed or developed with public funds, but  
33 only to the extent that disclosure would compromise  
34 security, including but not limited to water treatment

1 facilities, airport facilities, sport stadiums, convention  
2 centers, and all government owned, operated, or occupied  
3 buildings.

4 (l) Library circulation and order records identifying  
5 library users with specific materials.

6 (m) Minutes of meetings of public bodies closed to the  
7 public as provided in the Open Meetings Act until the  
8 public body makes the minutes available to the public under  
9 Section 2.06 of the Open Meetings Act.

10 (n) Communications between a public body and an  
11 attorney or auditor representing the public body that would  
12 not be subject to discovery in litigation, and materials  
13 prepared or compiled by or for a public body in  
14 anticipation of a criminal, civil or administrative  
15 proceeding upon the request of an attorney advising the  
16 public body, and materials prepared or compiled with  
17 respect to internal audits of public bodies.

18 (o) Information received by a primary or secondary  
19 school, college or university under its procedures for the  
20 evaluation of faculty members by their academic peers.

21 (p) Administrative or technical information associated  
22 with automated data processing operations, including but  
23 not limited to software, operating protocols, computer  
24 program abstracts, file layouts, source listings, object  
25 modules, load modules, user guides, documentation  
26 pertaining to all logical and physical design of  
27 computerized systems, employee manuals, and any other  
28 information that, if disclosed, would jeopardize the  
29 security of the system or its data or the security of  
30 materials exempt under this Section.

31 (q) Documents or materials relating to collective  
32 negotiating matters between public bodies and their  
33 employees or representatives, except that any final  
34 contract or agreement shall be subject to inspection and

1 copying.

2 (r) Drafts, notes, recommendations and memoranda  
3 pertaining to the financing and marketing transactions of  
4 the public body. The records of ownership, registration,  
5 transfer, and exchange of municipal debt obligations, and  
6 of persons to whom payment with respect to these  
7 obligations is made.

8 (s) The records, documents and information relating to  
9 real estate purchase negotiations until those negotiations  
10 have been completed or otherwise terminated. With regard to  
11 a parcel involved in a pending or actually and reasonably  
12 contemplated eminent domain proceeding under Article VII  
13 of the Code of Civil Procedure, records, documents and  
14 information relating to that parcel shall be exempt except  
15 as may be allowed under discovery rules adopted by the  
16 Illinois Supreme Court. The records, documents and  
17 information relating to a real estate sale shall be exempt  
18 until a sale is consummated.

19 (t) Any and all proprietary information and records  
20 related to the operation of an intergovernmental risk  
21 management association or self-insurance pool or jointly  
22 self-administered health and accident cooperative or pool.

23 (u) Information concerning a university's adjudication  
24 of student or employee grievance or disciplinary cases, to  
25 the extent that disclosure would reveal the identity of the  
26 student or employee and information concerning any public  
27 body's adjudication of student or employee grievances or  
28 disciplinary cases, except for the final outcome of the  
29 cases.

30 (v) Course materials or research materials used by  
31 faculty members.

32 (w) Information related solely to the internal  
33 personnel rules and practices of a public body.

34 (x) Information contained in or related to

1 examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by,  
2 on behalf of, or for the use of a public body responsible  
3 for the regulation or supervision of financial  
4 institutions or insurance companies, unless disclosure is  
5 otherwise required by State law.

6 (y) Information the disclosure of which is restricted  
7 under Section 5-108 of the Public Utilities Act.

8 (z) Manuals or instruction to staff that relate to  
9 establishment or collection of liability for any State tax  
10 or that relate to investigations by a public body to  
11 determine violation of any criminal law.

12 (aa) Applications, related documents, and medical  
13 records received by the Experimental Organ Transplantation  
14 Procedures Board and any and all documents or other records  
15 prepared by the Experimental Organ Transplantation  
16 Procedures Board or its staff relating to applications it  
17 has received.

18 (bb) Insurance or self insurance (including any  
19 intergovernmental risk management association or self  
20 insurance pool) claims, loss or risk management  
21 information, records, data, advice or communications.

22 (cc) Information and records held by the Department of  
23 Public Health and its authorized representatives relating  
24 to known or suspected cases of sexually transmissible  
25 disease or any information the disclosure of which is  
26 restricted under the Illinois Sexually Transmissible  
27 Disease Control Act.

28 (dd) Information the disclosure of which is exempted  
29 under Section 30 of the Radon Industry Licensing Act.

30 (ee) Firm performance evaluations under Section 55 of  
31 the Architectural, Engineering, and Land Surveying  
32 Qualifications Based Selection Act.

33 (ff) Security portions of system safety program plans,  
34 investigation reports, surveys, schedules, lists, data, or

1 information compiled, collected, or prepared by or for the  
2 Regional Transportation Authority under Section 2.11 of  
3 the Regional Transportation Authority Act or the St. Clair  
4 County Transit District under the Bi-State Transit Safety  
5 Act.

6 (gg) Information the disclosure of which is restricted  
7 and exempted under Section 50 of the Illinois Prepaid  
8 Tuition Act.

9 (hh) Information the disclosure of which is exempted  
10 under the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act.

11 (ii) Beginning July 1, 1999, information that would  
12 disclose or might lead to the disclosure of secret or  
13 confidential information, codes, algorithms, programs, or  
14 private keys intended to be used to create electronic or  
15 digital signatures under the Electronic Commerce Security  
16 Act.

17 (jj) Information contained in a local emergency energy  
18 plan submitted to a municipality in accordance with a local  
19 emergency energy plan ordinance that is adopted under  
20 Section 11-21.5-5 of the Illinois Municipal Code.

21 (kk) Information and data concerning the distribution  
22 of surcharge moneys collected and remitted by wireless  
23 carriers under the Wireless Emergency Telephone Safety  
24 Act.

25 (ll) Vulnerability assessments, security measures, and  
26 response policies or plans that are designed to identify,  
27 prevent, or respond to potential attacks upon a community's  
28 population or systems, facilities, or installations, the  
29 destruction or contamination of which would constitute a  
30 clear and present danger to the health or safety of the  
31 community, but only to the extent that disclosure could  
32 reasonably be expected to jeopardize the effectiveness of  
33 the measures or the safety of the personnel who implement  
34 them or the public. Information exempt under this item may

1 include such things as details pertaining to the  
2 mobilization or deployment of personnel or equipment, to  
3 the operation of communication systems or protocols, or to  
4 tactical operations.

5 (mm) Maps and other records regarding the location or  
6 security of a utility's generation, transmission,  
7 distribution, storage, gathering, treatment, or switching  
8 facilities.

9 (nn) Law enforcement officer identification  
10 information or driver identification information compiled  
11 by a law enforcement agency or the Department of  
12 Transportation under Section 11-212 of the Illinois  
13 Vehicle Code.

14 (oo) Records and information provided to a residential  
15 health care facility resident sexual assault and death  
16 review team or the Residential Health Care Facility  
17 Resident Sexual Assault and Death Review Teams Executive  
18 Council under the Residential Health Care Facility  
19 Resident Sexual Assault and Death Review Team Act.

20 (pp) Information gathered by a Domestic Violence  
21 Fatality Review Team under Article V of the Illinois  
22 Domestic Violence Act of 1986.

23 (2) This Section does not authorize withholding of  
24 information or limit the availability of records to the public,  
25 except as stated in this Section or otherwise provided in this  
26 Act.

27 (Source: P.A. 92-16, eff. 6-28-01; 92-241, eff. 8-3-01; 92-281,  
28 eff. 8-7-01; 92-645, eff. 7-11-02; 92-651, eff. 7-11-02; 93-43,  
29 eff. 7-1-03; 93-209, eff. 7-18-03; 93-237, eff. 7-22-03;  
30 93-325, eff. 7-23-03, 93-422, eff. 8-5-03; 93-577, eff.  
31 8-21-03; 93-617, eff. 12-9-03.)".