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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 5969

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 5969 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the  
5 Impact of Crime-related Violence on Public Health Research Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions. As used in this Act, the terms  
7 "research center" and "center" means the Impact of  
8 Crime-related Violence on Public Health Research Center.

9 Section 10. Impact of Crime-related Violence on Public  
10 Health Research Center.

11 (a) An Impact of Crime-related Violence on Public Health  
12 Research Center to study the impact of crime-related violence  
13 on the public health of vulnerable and diverse populations in  
14 the State is established to be administered by the University  
15 of Illinois under the following principles:

1           (1) Interdisciplinary work of the center shall address  
2 the following:

3           (A) The nature of crime-related violence,  
4 including individual and societal determinants of risk  
5 for involvement in crime-related violence, whether as  
6 a victim or a perpetrator.

7           (B) The individual, community, and societal public  
8 health consequences and economic impact of  
9 crime-related violence, including clinical care,  
10 long-term care consequences for victims, health  
11 services research, medical education, and  
12 community-based studies, with the goal of improving  
13 the health of the citizens of this State by the  
14 significant reduction of crime-related violence.

15           (C) Prevention and treatment of crime-related  
16 violence at the individual, community, and societal  
17 levels.

18           (2) The center shall conduct basic, translational, and  
19 transformative research with a mission to provide the  
20 scientific evidence on which sound crime-related violence  
21 prevention policies and programs can be based. Its research  
22 shall include, but is not limited to, the effectiveness of  
23 existing laws and policies intended to reduce  
24 crime-related violence, including, but not limited to, the  
25 criminal misuse of a weapon, and efforts to reduce and  
26 deter any criminally violent activities.

1           (3) The center shall work on a continuing basis with  
2           policymakers in the General Assembly and State agencies to  
3           identify, implement, and evaluate innovative crime-related  
4           violence prevention policies and programs.

5           (4) To help ensure a long-term and successful effort to  
6           understand and prevent crime-related violence, the center  
7           shall recruit and provide specialized training  
8           opportunities for new researchers, including experienced  
9           investigators in related fields who are beginning work on  
10          crime-related violence, young investigators who have  
11          completed their education, postdoctoral scholars, doctoral  
12          students, and undergraduates.

13          (5) The center may enter into contracts or agreements  
14          with any agency or department of the State of Illinois or  
15          any other state or states' agencies, private universities,  
16          organizations, or institutions, or the United States to  
17          carry out the provisions of this Act.

18          (6) The center may receive and disburse funds in  
19          accordance with the purposes stated in this Act.

20          (b) On or before December 31, 2018, and every 5 years  
21          thereafter, the University of Illinois shall transmit  
22          programmatic, as well as financial, reports to the General  
23          Assembly and the Governor, including a report on the grants  
24          made, pending grants, program accomplishments, and the future  
25          direction of the research center.

26          (c) Subject to the conditions and requirements established

1 elsewhere in law, State agencies, including, but not limited  
2 to, the Department of State Police, the Department of Public  
3 Health, the Department of Healthcare and Family Services, and  
4 the Secretary of State, and local agencies, including, but not  
5 limited to, sheriffs, state's attorneys, municipal police  
6 departments, coroners, and medical examiners shall provide to  
7 the center, upon proper request, the data necessary for the  
8 center to conduct its research. The research center may share  
9 any information collected by it with other state violence  
10 research centers similar to it and any crime laboratory or  
11 violence research center connected with a college or  
12 university.

13 (d) The center and all recipients of grants supported by  
14 the research center shall provide copies of their research  
15 publications to the General Assembly and to agencies supplying  
16 data used in the conduct of that research as soon as is  
17 practicable following publication. The center shall establish  
18 a website for the purpose of electronically publishing the  
19 center's research publications, submitting data or other  
20 information, and receiving suggestions for research requests.

21 (e) The Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois  
22 shall establish and operate an Impact of Crime-related Violence  
23 Research Center and administer the center and grant program  
24 consistent with the principles and goals of this Act.

25 Section 15. Fund; grants.

1           (a) An Impact of Crime-related Violence on Public Health  
2 Research Center Fund is created as a special fund in the State  
3 treasury and shall be used to support the research and  
4 activities of the Impact of Crime-related Violence on Public  
5 Health Research Center. Moneys from fees, gifts, grants, and  
6 donations received by the center shall also be deposited into  
7 the Impact of Crime-related Violence on Public Health Research  
8 Center Fund. The center may also seek additional federal,  
9 State, and private funds.

10          (b) As a supplement to its own research, the Impact of  
11 Crime-related Violence on Public Health Research Center shall  
12 administer a small grants program for research on crime-related  
13 violence, funded through the Crime-related Violence on Public  
14 Health Research Center Fund. All research funds shall be  
15 awarded on the basis of scientific merit as determined by an  
16 open, competitive peer review process that assures  
17 objectivity, consistency, and high quality. All qualified  
18 investigators, regardless of institutional affiliation, shall  
19 have equal access and opportunity to compete for the funds. The  
20 peer review process for the selection of grants awarded under  
21 this program shall be modeled on the process used by the  
22 National Institutes of Health in its grantmaking process.

23           Section 105. The State Finance Act is amended by adding  
24 Section 5.878 as follows:

1 (30 ILCS 105/5.878 new)

2 Sec. 5.878. Impact of Crime-related Violence on Public  
3 Health Research Center Fund.

4 Section 110. The University of Illinois Act is amended by  
5 adding Section 12.6 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 305/12.6 new)

7 Sec. 12.6. Impact of Crime-related Violence on Public  
8 Health Research Center. The University of Illinois shall carry  
9 out the duties and responsibilities required of it under the  
10 Impact of Crime-related Violence on Public Health Research  
11 Act."