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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 3632

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 3632 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the  
5 Homicide Victims' Families' Rights Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions. In this Act:

7 "Agency" means a law enforcement entity of a unit of local  
8 government that is vested by law or ordinance with the duty to  
9 maintain public order and to enforce criminal laws or  
10 ordinances.

11 "Applicable agency" means a law enforcement agency that is  
12 investigating or has investigated the murder of the victim.

13 "Open unresolved murder" means any criminal activity in  
14 which death occurred more than 3 years prior to the date of the  
15 application under subsection (a) of Section 10, for which all  
16 probative investigative leads have been exhausted, and for

1 which no likely perpetrator has been identified.

2 "Designated person" means (i) an immediate family member  
3 or (ii) a similarly situated person as the Attorney General  
4 shall by rule define.

5 "Immediate family member" means a parent, parent-in-law,  
6 grandparent, grandparent-in-law, sibling, spouse, child,  
7 stepchild, foster parent, or guardian of a murder victim.

8 "Victim" means the victim of a murder.

9 Section 10. Case file review.

10 (a) An applicable agency shall review the case file  
11 regarding an open unresolved murder upon written application  
12 by a designated person to determine if a full reinvestigation  
13 would result in probative investigative leads.

14 (b) The case file review shall include, but is not limited  
15 to:

16 (1) an analysis of what investigative steps or  
17 follow-up steps may have been missed in the initial  
18 investigation;

19 (2) an assessment of whether witnesses should be  
20 interviewed or re-interviewed;

21 (3) an examination of physical evidence to see if all  
22 appropriate forensic testing and analysis was performed in  
23 the first instance or if additional testing might produce  
24 information relevant to the investigation; and

25 (4) a modernization of the file to bring it up to

1 current investigative standards to the extent it would  
2 help develop probative leads.

3 (c) The person or persons performing the review required  
4 by subsection (a) shall not have previously investigated the  
5 murder. This subsection (c) does not apply to law enforcement  
6 agencies located in municipalities that have fewer than 35,000  
7 inhabitants.

8 (d) The applicable agency shall confirm in writing receipt  
9 of a request made under subsection (a).

10 (e) Only one case review shall be undertaken at any one  
11 time with respect to the same open unresolved murder victim.

12 (f) No later than 6 months after the receipt of the written  
13 application submitted pursuant to subsection (a), the  
14 applicable agency shall conclude its case file review and  
15 reach a conclusion whether a full reinvestigation under  
16 Section 25 is warranted.

17 (g) The applicable agency may extend the limit in  
18 subsection (f) for periods not to exceed 6 months if the agency  
19 makes a finding that the number of case files to be reviewed  
20 make it impracticable to comply with said limit without  
21 unreasonably taking resources from other law enforcement  
22 activities.

23 For cases for which the time limit in subsection (f) is  
24 extended, the applicable agency shall provide notice and an  
25 explanation of its reasoning to the designated person who  
26 filed the written application under this Section.

1       Section 15. Application. Each agency shall develop a  
2 written application to be used for designated persons to  
3 request a case file review under Section 10.

4       Section 20. Notice. Each agency shall provide notice of  
5 the rights under this Act to designated persons as soon as is  
6 practicable after being made aware of a murder.

7       Section 25. Full reinvestigation.

8       (a) The applicable agency shall conduct a full  
9 reinvestigation of the open unresolved murder if the review of  
10 the case file required by Section 10 concludes that a full  
11 reinvestigation of the open unresolved murder would result in  
12 probative investigative leads.

13       (b) A full reinvestigation shall include analyzing all  
14 evidence regarding the open unresolved murder at issue for the  
15 purpose of developing probative investigative leads as to the  
16 perpetrator.

17       (c) The person or persons performing the full  
18 reinvestigation required by subsection (a) shall not have  
19 previously investigated the murder, except for the case file  
20 review pursuant to Section 10, unless there is at least one  
21 other person performing the full reinvestigation who has not  
22 previously investigated the murder.

23       (d) Only one full reinvestigation shall be undertaken at

1 any one time with respect to the same open unresolved murder  
2 victim.

3 Section 30. Consultation and updates.

4 (a) The applicable agency shall consult with the  
5 designated person who filed the written application under  
6 Section 10 and provide him or her with periodic updates during  
7 the case file review and full reinvestigation.

8 (b) The applicable agency shall meet with the designated  
9 person and discuss the evidence to explain to the designated  
10 person who filed the written application under Section 10 its  
11 decision whether to engage in the full reinvestigation  
12 provided for under Section 25 at the conclusion of the case  
13 file review.

14 Section 35. Subsequent reviews.

15 (a) If a case file review is completed and a conclusion is  
16 reached not to conduct a full reinvestigation, no additional  
17 case file review shall be undertaken for a period of 5 years,  
18 unless there is newly discovered, materially significant  
19 evidence.

20 (b) If a full reinvestigation is done and a suspect is not  
21 identified at its conclusion, no additional case file review  
22 or full reinvestigation shall be undertaken for a period of 5  
23 years, unless there is newly discovered, materially  
24 significant new evidence.

1           Section 36. Family liaison officers.

2           (a) Each agency shall employ or designate a minimum number  
3 of family liaison officers proportionate to the average number  
4 of homicides in the agency's jurisdiction within the previous  
5 5 years of the date of employment with the maximum ratio of 40  
6 homicides per each family liaison officer employed or  
7 designated. Each agency may establish a lower ratio for hiring  
8 or designating family liaison officers.

9           (b) The primary purpose of a family liaison officer is  
10 that of an investigator. A family liaison officer's role is to  
11 gather evidence and information from the family to contribute  
12 to the investigation and preserve its integrity. The family  
13 liaison officer shall also provide support and information, in  
14 a sensitive and compassionate manner, securing confidence and  
15 trust of families of victims of crime (primarily homicide),  
16 road fatality, mass disaster, or other critical incident,  
17 ensuring family members are given timely information in  
18 accordance with the needs of the investigation.

19           (c) The family liaison officer shall:

20               (1) establish and maintain a supportive and ethical  
21 relationship with the family, building trust, in line with  
22 local and national guidance to gathering information and  
23 evidence;

24               (2) act as a single point of contact between families  
25 and investigation teams when a homicide occurs to enable

1 information to be shared which may assist in the  
2 investigation;

3 (3) collect best evidence to enable identification of  
4 a reported missing person (high risk of criminality or  
5 vulnerability) or identify the deceased, and consider  
6 potential future viewing requirements and postmortem with  
7 the family to further the investigation;

8 (4) provide information regarding additional services  
9 available for families, including providing information  
10 about open unresolved murders to support agencies, and  
11 explain criminal justice and coroner's procedures, so that  
12 they can access all available services and support;

13 (5) contact the family at least once every 30 days for  
14 the first 6 months the case is open then once per quarter  
15 until the case becomes inactive. The family liaison  
16 officer shall work closely with the lead investigator to  
17 obtain substantive updates on the case prior to contacting  
18 the family. The lead investigator has discretion over any  
19 information shared with the family and shall communicate  
20 with the family liaison accordingly. If the family liaison  
21 officer is contacted by the family regarding an open case  
22 at any time, the family liaison officer shall return the  
23 call within 5 business days with all relevant information  
24 regarding a police investigation, in line with the  
25 strategy of the chief investigating officer or lead  
26 investigator so that they are informed of progress;

1           (6) obtain victimology and family personal statements  
2           and any other material to enable the gathering of evidence  
3           and to support the investigative process;

4           (7) document any requests or complaints, or both, made  
5           by the family, to be forwarded for the consideration of  
6           the chief investigating officer or lead investigator;

7           (8) record all contact with the family to ensure  
8           compliance with this Act, the Criminal Identification Act,  
9           the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Act, the Missing  
10          Children Records Act, the Juvenile Court Act of 1987, the  
11          Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963, the Rights of Crime  
12          Victims and Witnesses Act, and the Police and Community  
13          Relations Improvement Act to maintain the integrity of the  
14          investigation;

15          (9) be the liaison between families and the coroner or  
16          medical examiner and chief investigating officer or lead  
17          investigator in relation to the Illinois Anatomical Gift  
18          Act; and

19          (10) track the case files required in Section 10, the  
20          date of review of the case file, confirm the receipt of the  
21          request of the case file, provide notice to the family if  
22          an extension of review has been made, and consult with the  
23          family on the investigation of the case.

24          (d) A family liaison officer may not be assigned to work  
25          patrol or attached to other special units while designated as  
26          a family liaison officer.



1           (e) The training of all family liaison officers shall  
2 include instruction on victim-centered, trauma-informed  
3 investigation as established by the Illinois Law Enforcement  
4 Training Standards Board.

5           (f) Except in emergencies or other exigent circumstances,  
6 a family liaison officer shall exclusively investigate  
7 homicide cases.

8           Section 40. Data collection; annual report.

9           (a) Beginning 3 years after the effective date of this  
10 Act, the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority  
11 annually shall publish statistics regarding the number of open  
12 unresolved murders. The statistics published under this  
13 subsection at a minimum shall be broken down by the degree of  
14 murder, the type of weapon used in the murder, the location of  
15 the murder and by agency, in addition to the criteria set forth  
16 in subsection (b).

17           (b) Each applicable agency annually shall submit data to  
18 the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority regarding  
19 the open unresolved murders within its jurisdiction,  
20 including, but not limited to, the number of requests received  
21 under subsection (a) of Section 10, the number of extensions  
22 granted and an explanation of reasons provided under  
23 subsection (g) of Section 10, the number of full  
24 reinvestigations initiated and closed under Section 25, and  
25 the number of suspects identified, arrested, charged, and

1 convicted for each open unresolved murder investigated by the  
2 applicable agency under this Act during the year reported. The  
3 data shall also include what cases are being solved and which  
4 cases are not being solved, identifying the age, race, and  
5 ethnicity of the victim whose case is being solved and not  
6 being solved and the cases that are being solved by  
7 exceptional means.

8 (c) The Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority  
9 shall submit an annual report to the General Assembly and the  
10 Governor compiling the information received by the Authority  
11 under subsection (b).

12 Section 45. Procedures to promote compliance.

13 (a) Not later than one year after the effective date of  
14 this Act, the head of each agency shall adopt rules to enforce  
15 the rights of designated persons and to ensure compliance by  
16 responsible officials with the obligations described in this  
17 Act.

18 (b) The rules adopted under subsection (a) shall:

19 (1) designate an administrative authority within the  
20 agency to receive and investigate complaints relating to  
21 the provision or violation of the rights of designated  
22 persons;

23 (2) require a course of training for employees of the  
24 agency regarding the rights provided under this Act;

25 (3) contain disciplinary sanctions, including

1 suspension or termination from employment, for employees  
2 of the agency who willfully or wantonly fail to comply  
3 with this Act;

4 (4) establish a process for investigations into the  
5 conduct of persons no longer employed by a law enforcement  
6 agency when a complaint is filed and a process for  
7 referrals for prosecution to the appropriate State's  
8 Attorney; and

9 (5) provide that the head of the agency, or the head of  
10 the agency's designee, shall be the final arbiter of the  
11 complaint, and that there shall be no judicial review of  
12 the final decision of the head of the agency by a  
13 complainant.

14 Section 50. Withholding information. Nothing in this Act  
15 shall require an agency to provide information that would  
16 endanger the safety of any person, unreasonably impede an  
17 ongoing investigation, violate a court order, or violate legal  
18 obligations regarding privacy.

19 Section 55. Multiple agencies.

20 (a) If there is more than one possible applicable agency,  
21 each applicable agency shall coordinate its case file review  
22 or full reinvestigation such that there is only one joint case  
23 file review or full reinvestigation occurring at a time in  
24 compliance with subsection (e) of Section 10 or subsection (d)

1 of Section 25, as applicable.

2 (b) If an immediate family member believes there was bias  
3 demonstrated in the handling of the initial case, any case  
4 file review, or any full reinvestigation by any of the  
5 possible applicable agencies, the family member may  
6 communicate that concern to the Attorney General. The Attorney  
7 General shall review the allegations made by the immediate  
8 family member to determine whether, in the interest of  
9 justice, another law enforcement agency should conduct the  
10 case file review or the full reinvestigation, as applicable.

11 Section 60. Applicability. This Act applies to murders  
12 occurring on or after January 1, 1970, and only to law  
13 enforcement agencies located wholly within the boundaries of  
14 counties with a population of 3,000,000 or more.

15 Section 100. The Illinois Criminal Justice Information Act  
16 is amended by changing Section 7 as follows:

17 (20 ILCS 3930/7) (from Ch. 38, par. 210-7)

18 Sec. 7. Powers and duties. The Authority shall have the  
19 following powers, duties, and responsibilities:

20 (a) To develop and operate comprehensive information  
21 systems for the improvement and coordination of all  
22 aspects of law enforcement, prosecution, and corrections;

23 (b) To define, develop, evaluate, and correlate State

1 and local programs and projects associated with the  
2 improvement of law enforcement and the administration of  
3 criminal justice;

4 (c) To act as a central repository and clearing house  
5 for federal, state, and local research studies, plans,  
6 projects, proposals, and other information relating to all  
7 aspects of criminal justice system improvement and to  
8 encourage educational programs for citizen support of  
9 State and local efforts to make such improvements;

10 (d) To undertake research studies to aid in  
11 accomplishing its purposes;

12 (e) To monitor the operation of existing criminal  
13 justice information systems in order to protect the  
14 constitutional rights and privacy of individuals about  
15 whom criminal history record information has been  
16 collected;

17 (f) To provide an effective administrative forum for  
18 the protection of the rights of individuals concerning  
19 criminal history record information;

20 (g) To issue regulations, guidelines, and procedures  
21 which ensure the privacy and security of criminal history  
22 record information consistent with State and federal laws;

23 (h) To act as the sole administrative appeal body in  
24 the State of Illinois to conduct hearings and make final  
25 determinations concerning individual challenges to the  
26 completeness and accuracy of criminal history record

1 information;

2 (i) To act as the sole, official, criminal justice  
3 body in the State of Illinois to conduct annual and  
4 periodic audits of the procedures, policies, and practices  
5 of the State central repositories for criminal history  
6 record information to verify compliance with federal and  
7 state laws and regulations governing such information;

8 (j) To advise the Authority's Statistical Analysis  
9 Center;

10 (k) To apply for, receive, establish priorities for,  
11 allocate, disburse, and spend grants of funds that are  
12 made available by and received on or after January 1, 1983  
13 from private sources or from the United States pursuant to  
14 the federal Crime Control Act of 1973, as amended, and  
15 similar federal legislation, and to enter into agreements  
16 with the United States government to further the purposes  
17 of this Act, or as may be required as a condition of  
18 obtaining federal funds;

19 (l) To receive, expend, and account for such funds of  
20 the State of Illinois as may be made available to further  
21 the purposes of this Act;

22 (m) To enter into contracts and to cooperate with  
23 units of general local government or combinations of such  
24 units, State agencies, and criminal justice system  
25 agencies of other states for the purpose of carrying out  
26 the duties of the Authority imposed by this Act or by the

1 federal Crime Control Act of 1973, as amended;

2 (n) To enter into contracts and cooperate with units  
3 of general local government outside of Illinois, other  
4 states' agencies, and private organizations outside of  
5 Illinois to provide computer software or design that has  
6 been developed for the Illinois criminal justice system,  
7 or to participate in the cooperative development or design  
8 of new software or systems to be used by the Illinois  
9 criminal justice system;

10 (o) To establish general policies concerning criminal  
11 justice information systems and to promulgate such rules,  
12 regulations, and procedures as are necessary to the  
13 operation of the Authority and to the uniform  
14 consideration of appeals and audits;

15 (p) To advise and to make recommendations to the  
16 Governor and the General Assembly on policies relating to  
17 criminal justice information systems;

18 (q) To direct all other agencies under the  
19 jurisdiction of the Governor to provide whatever  
20 assistance and information the Authority may lawfully  
21 require to carry out its functions;

22 (r) To exercise any other powers that are reasonable  
23 and necessary to fulfill the responsibilities of the  
24 Authority under this Act and to comply with the  
25 requirements of applicable State or federal law or  
26 regulation;

1           (s) To exercise the rights, powers, and duties which  
2           have been vested in the Authority by the Illinois Uniform  
3           Conviction Information Act;

4           (t) (Blank);

5           (u) To exercise the rights, powers, and duties vested  
6           in the Authority by the Illinois Public Safety Agency  
7           Network Act;

8           (v) To provide technical assistance in the form of  
9           training to local governmental entities within Illinois  
10          requesting such assistance for the purposes of procuring  
11          grants for gang intervention and gang prevention programs  
12          or other criminal justice programs from the United States  
13          Department of Justice;

14          (w) To conduct strategic planning and provide  
15          technical assistance to implement comprehensive trauma  
16          recovery services for violent crime victims in underserved  
17          communities with high levels of violent crime, with the  
18          goal of providing a safe, community-based, culturally  
19          competent environment in which to access services  
20          necessary to facilitate recovery from the effects of  
21          chronic and repeat exposure to trauma. Services may  
22          include, but are not limited to, behavioral health  
23          treatment, financial recovery, family support and  
24          relocation assistance, and support in navigating the legal  
25          system; ~~and~~

26          (x) To coordinate statewide violence prevention



1 efforts and assist in the implementation of trauma  
2 recovery centers and analyze trauma recovery services. The  
3 Authority shall develop, publish, and facilitate the  
4 implementation of a 4-year statewide violence prevention  
5 plan, which shall incorporate public health, public  
6 safety, victim services, and trauma recovery centers and  
7 services; and -

8 (y) To compile and publish information regarding open  
9 unresolved murders as provided in Section 40 of the  
10 Homicide Victims' Families' Rights Act.

11 The requirement for reporting to the General Assembly  
12 shall be satisfied by filing copies of the report as required  
13 by Section 3.1 of the General Assembly Organization Act, and  
14 filing such additional copies with the State Government Report  
15 Distribution Center for the General Assembly as is required  
16 under paragraph (t) of Section 7 of the State Library Act.

17 (Source: P.A. 103-798, eff. 1-1-25.)".