



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

SB1515

Introduced 2/4/2025, by Sen. Mike Simmons

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

15 ILCS 205/6.7 new

Amends the Attorney General Act. Creates an Office for Missing and Murdered Black Women and Girls within the Office of the Attorney General. Provides that the Office shall: (1) serve as the legal and policy advisor to the Attorney General to ensure justice for missing and murdered Black women and girls; (2) develop recommendations for policies to address injustices in the criminal justice system's response to cases of missing and murdered Black women and girls; and (3) coordinate with State and local agencies to collect specified information and give technical assistance. Provides that, no later than January 1 after the effective date of the amendatory Act and biennially thereafter, the Office shall submit a report to the General Assembly on missing and murdered Black women and girls containing specified information.

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1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Attorney General Act is amended by adding
5 Section 6.7 as follows:

6 (15 ILCS 205/6.7 new)

7 Sec. 6.7. Office for Missing and Murdered Black Women and
8 Girls.

9 (a) There is created within the Office of the Attorney
10 General an Office for Missing and Murdered Black Women and
11 Girls, consisting of Assistant Attorneys General appointed by
12 the Attorney General, who, together with such other staff as
13 is deemed necessary by the Attorney General, shall:

14 (1) serve as the legal and policy advisor to the
15 Attorney General to ensure justice for missing and
16 murdered Black women and girls;

17 (2) develop recommendations for policies to address
18 injustices in the criminal justice system's response to
19 cases of missing and murdered Black women and girls; and

20 (3) coordinate with State and local agencies to:

21 (A) collect data on missing person and homicide
22 cases involving Black women and girls, including the
23 total number of cases, the rate at which the cases are

1 solved, the length of time the cases remain open, and a
2 comparison to similar cases involving different
3 demographic groups;

4 (B) collect data on Amber Alerts, including the
5 total number of Amber Alerts issued, the total number
6 of Amber Alerts that involve Black girls, and the
7 outcome of cases involving Amber Alerts disaggregated
8 by the child's race and sex;

9 (C) collect data on reports of missing Black
10 girls, including the number of classified runaways,
11 and a comparison to similar cases involving different
12 demographic groups;

13 (D) conduct case reviews and report on the results
14 of such reviews for cases involving missing and
15 murdered Black women and girls, including cold cases
16 for missing Black women and girls and death
17 investigation review for cases of Black women and
18 girls ruled as suicide or overdose under suspicious
19 circumstances;

20 (E) develop tools and processes to evaluate the
21 implementation and impact of the efforts of the
22 Office;

23 (F) give technical assistance for State and local
24 enforcement agencies during active cases involving
25 missing and murdered Black women and girls; and

26 (G) create and maintain a centralized data

1 repository and public dashboard for the tracking of
2 missing and murdered Black women and girls.

3 (b) No later than January 1 after the effective date of
4 this amendatory Act of the 104th General Assembly and
5 biennially thereafter, the Office shall file with the General
6 Assembly, as provided in Section 3.1 of the General Assembly
7 Organization Act, a report on missing and murdered Black women
8 and girls, including, but not limited to, the information
9 collected under paragraph (3) of subsection (a).