

## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

705 ILCS 405/5-601  
705 ILCS 405/5-602 new

Amends the Juvenile Court Act of 1987. Provides that if the minor has multiple delinquency petitions filed against him or her, remaining petitions pending against the minor respondent shall be adjudicated within 120 (rather than 160) days from the date on which a finding relative to the first petition prosecuted is rendered. Restructures the provisions concerning alleged delinquent minors and pretrial detention of alleged delinquent minors. Provides that if the court determines that the State, without success, has exercised due diligence to timely obtain the results of DNA testing that is material to the case, and that there are reasonable grounds to believe that the results may be obtained at a later date, the court may extend the period of detention of the minor to not more than 70 days, only for any matter for which the minor may be committed to the Department of Juvenile Justice. Provides that nothing in the trial and pretrial detention provisions of the Act prevents the minor from exercising the minor's rights to waive the time limits set forth in these provisions. Deletes provision that time needed to prepare a defense to a State motion such as an extended juvenile jurisdiction petition or a transfer petition shall not be considered a delay occasioned by the minor. Makes technical changes in the trial and pretrial detention provisions of the Act.

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1 AN ACT concerning courts.

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

4 Section 5. The Juvenile Court Act of 1987 is amended by  
5 changing Section 5-601 and by adding Section 5-602 as follows:

6 (705 ILCS 405/5-601)

7 Sec. 5-601. Trial.

8 (1) When a petition has been filed alleging that the minor  
9 is a delinquent, a trial must be held within 120 days of a  
10 written demand for such hearing made by any party, except that  
11 when the State, without success, has exercised due diligence  
12 to obtain evidence material to the case and there are  
13 reasonable grounds to believe that the evidence may be  
14 obtained at a later date, the court may, upon motion by the  
15 State, continue the trial for not more than 30 additional  
16 days.

17 (2) If a minor respondent has multiple delinquency  
18 petitions pending against the minor in the same county and  
19 simultaneously demands a trial upon more than one delinquency  
20 petition pending against the minor in the same county, the  
21 minor shall receive a trial or have a finding, after waiver of  
22 trial, upon at least one such petition before expiration  
23 relative to any of the pending petitions of the period

1 described by this Section. All remaining petitions thus  
2 pending against the minor respondent shall be adjudicated  
3 within 120 ~~160~~ days from the date on which a finding relative  
4 to the first petition prosecuted is rendered under Section  
5 5-620 of this Article, or, if the trial upon the first petition  
6 is terminated without a finding and there is no subsequent  
7 trial, or adjudication after waiver of trial, on the first  
8 petition within a reasonable time, the minor shall receive a  
9 trial upon all of the remaining petitions within 120 ~~160~~ days  
10 from the date on which the trial, or finding after waiver of  
11 trial, on the first petition is concluded. If either such  
12 period of 120 ~~160~~ days expires without the commencement of  
13 trial, or adjudication after waiver of trial, of any of the  
14 remaining pending petitions, the petition or petitions shall  
15 be dismissed and barred for want of prosecution unless the  
16 delay is occasioned by any of the reasons described in this  
17 Section.

18 (3) When no such trial is held within the time required by  
19 subsections (1) and (2) of this Section, the court shall, upon  
20 motion by any party, dismiss the petition with prejudice.

21 (3.5) The period in which a trial shall be held as  
22 prescribed by this Section is tolled by: (i) delay occasioned  
23 by the minor; (ii) a continuance allowed pursuant to Section  
24 114-4 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963 after the  
25 court's determination of the minor's incapacity for trial;  
26 (iii) an interlocutory appeal; (iv) an examination of fitness

1 ordered pursuant to Section 104-13 of the Code of Criminal  
2 Procedure of 1963; (v) a fitness hearing; or (vi) an  
3 adjudication of unfitness for trial. Any such delay shall  
4 temporarily suspend, for the time of the delay, the period  
5 within which a trial must be held as prescribed by this  
6 Section. On the day of expiration of the delays, the period  
7 shall continue at the point at which the time was suspended.

8 (4) (Blank). ~~Without affecting the applicability of the~~  
9 ~~tolling and multiple prosecution provisions of subsections (8)~~  
10 ~~and (2) of this Section when a petition has been filed alleging~~  
11 ~~that the minor is a delinquent and the minor is in detention or~~  
12 ~~shelter care, the trial shall be held within 30 calendar days~~  
13 ~~after the date of the order directing detention or shelter~~  
14 ~~care, or the earliest possible date in compliance with the~~  
15 ~~provisions of Section 5-525 as to the custodial parent,~~  
16 ~~guardian, or legal custodian, but no later than 45 calendar~~  
17 ~~days from the date of the order of the court directing~~  
18 ~~detention or shelter care. When the petition alleges the minor~~  
19 ~~has committed an offense involving a controlled substance as~~  
20 ~~defined in the Illinois Controlled Substances Act or~~  
21 ~~methamphetamine as defined in the Methamphetamine Control and~~  
22 ~~Community Protection Act, the court may, upon motion of the~~  
23 ~~State, continue the trial for receipt of a confirmatory~~  
24 ~~laboratory report for up to 45 days after the date of the order~~  
25 ~~directing detention or shelter care. When the petition alleges~~  
26 ~~the minor committed an offense that involves the death of,~~

1 ~~great bodily harm to or sexual assault or aggravated criminal~~  
2 ~~sexual abuse on a victim, the court may, upon motion of the~~  
3 ~~State, continue the trial for not more than 70 calendar days~~  
4 ~~after the date of the order directing detention or shelter~~  
5 ~~care.~~

6 ~~Any failure to comply with the time limits of this Section~~  
7 ~~shall require the immediate release of the minor from~~  
8 ~~detention, and the time limits set forth in subsections (1)~~  
9 ~~and (2) shall apply.~~

10 (4.5) Agreeing to a continuance for trial or status based  
11 on the failure of the State to complete discovery shall not be  
12 considered a delay occasioned by the minor for purposes of  
13 subsection (3.5). Further, demanding trial under subsection  
14 (1) or (2) does not relieve the State of its ongoing duty to  
15 tender discovery.

16 (5) If the court determines that the State, without  
17 success, has exercised due diligence to timely obtain the  
18 results of DNA testing that is material to the case, and that  
19 there are reasonable grounds to believe that the results may  
20 be obtained at a later date, the court may continue the cause  
21 on application of the State for not more than 60 ~~120 additional~~  
22 days, except if the petition alleges that the minor has  
23 committed the offense of first degree murder in violation of  
24 Section 9-1 of the Criminal Code of 2012 or aggravated  
25 criminal sexual assault in violation of Section 11-1.30 of the  
26 Criminal Code of 2012, the court may continue the cause on

1 application of the State for not more than 120 days. The court  
2 may also extend the period of detention of the minor for not  
3 more than 120 additional days.

4 (6) (Blank). ~~If the State's Attorney makes a written~~  
5 ~~request that a proceeding be designated an extended juvenile~~  
6 ~~jurisdiction prosecution, and the minor is in detention, the~~  
7 ~~period the minor can be held in detention pursuant to~~  
8 ~~subsection (4), shall be extended an additional 30 days after~~  
9 ~~the court determines whether the proceeding will be designated~~  
10 ~~an extended juvenile jurisdiction prosecution or the State's~~  
11 ~~Attorney withdraws the request for extended juvenile~~  
12 ~~jurisdiction prosecution.~~

13 (7) (Blank). ~~When the State's Attorney files a motion for~~  
14 ~~waiver of jurisdiction pursuant to Section 5-805, and the~~  
15 ~~minor is in detention, the period the minor can be held in~~  
16 ~~detention pursuant to subsection (4), shall be extended an~~  
17 ~~additional 30 days if the court denies motion for waiver of~~  
18 ~~jurisdiction or the State's Attorney withdraws the motion for~~  
19 ~~waiver of jurisdiction.~~

20 (8) (Blank). ~~The period in which a trial shall be held as~~  
21 ~~prescribed by subsection (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), or (7)~~  
22 ~~of this Section is tolled by: (i) delay occasioned by the~~  
23 ~~minor; (ii) a continuance allowed pursuant to Section 114-4 of~~  
24 ~~the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963 after the court's~~  
25 ~~determination of the minor's incapacity for trial; (iii) an~~  
26 ~~interlocutory appeal; (iv) an examination of fitness ordered~~

~~pursuant to Section 104-13 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963; (v) a fitness hearing; or (vi) an adjudication of unfitness for trial. Any such delay shall temporarily suspend, for the time of the delay, the period within which a trial must be held as prescribed by subsections (1), (2), (4), (5), and (6) of this Section. On the day of expiration of the delays, the period shall continue at the point at which the time was suspended.~~

(9) Nothing in this Section prevents the minor ~~or the minor's parents, guardian, or legal custodian~~ from exercising the minor's ~~their respective~~ rights to waive the time limits set forth in this Section.

(Source: P.A. 103-22, eff. 8-8-23; 103-605, eff. 7-1-24.)

(705 ILCS 405/5-602 new)

Sec. 5-602. Pretrial detention.

(1) When a petition has been filed alleging that the minor is a delinquent and the minor is in detention or shelter care, the trial shall be held within 30 calendar days after the date of the order directing detention or shelter care, or the earliest possible date in compliance with the provisions of Section 5-525 as to the custodial parent, guardian, or legal custodian, but no later than 45 calendar days from the date of the order of the court directing detention or shelter care. This time includes any time a minor spends in custody on a release upon request to Department of Children and Family

1 Services status. When the petition alleges the minor committed  
2 an offense that involves the death of or great bodily harm to a  
3 victim, the court may, upon motion of the State, continue the  
4 period of detention for not more than 70 calendar days after  
5 the date of the order directing detention or shelter care.

6 (2) Any failure to comply with the time limits of this  
7 Section shall require the immediate release of the minor from  
8 detention.

9 (3) As the speedy trial provisions outlined in Section  
10 5-601 and this Section are distinctly separate statute  
11 Sections, a minor need not demand trial for this Section to  
12 apply.

13 (4) The detention provisions of this Section govern a  
14 minor who has multiple delinquency petitions filed against him  
15 or her. A minor shall not be held longer than the times  
16 described in this Section while awaiting trial. If immediate  
17 and urgent necessity has been found pursuant to Section 5-501  
18 ordering a minor to be held, the hold shall be on all pending  
19 cases.

20 (5) If the State's Attorney makes a written request that a  
21 proceeding be designated an extended juvenile jurisdiction  
22 prosecution, and the minor is in detention, the period the  
23 minor may be held in detention may be extended an additional 30  
24 days. A pending extended juvenile jurisdiction petition shall  
25 not be a basis for detention past the prescribed time periods  
26 in this Section.



1       (6) When the State's Attorney files a motion for waiver of  
2 jurisdiction pursuant to Section 5-805, and the minor is in  
3 detention, the period the minor may be held in detention may be  
4 extended an additional 30 days. A pending transfer petition  
5 shall not be a basis for detention past the prescribed time  
6 periods in this Section.

7       (6.5) If the court determines that the State, without  
8 success, has exercised due diligence to timely obtain the  
9 results of DNA testing that is material to the case, and that  
10 there are reasonable grounds to believe that the results may  
11 be obtained at a later date, the court may extend the period of  
12 detention of the minor to not more than 70 days, only for any  
13 matter for which the minor may be committed to the Department  
14 of Juvenile Justice.

15       (7) The period in which a minor may be detained as  
16 prescribed by this Section is tolled by: (i) delay occasioned  
17 by the minor; (ii) a continuance allowed pursuant to Section  
18 114-4 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963 after the  
19 court's determination of the minor's incapacity for trial;  
20 (iii) an interlocutory appeal; (iv) an examination of fitness  
21 ordered pursuant to Section 104-13 of the Code of Criminal  
22 Procedure of 1963; (v) a fitness hearing; or (vi) an  
23 adjudication of unfitness for trial. Any such delay shall  
24 temporarily suspend, for the time of the delay, the period  
25 within which a minor may be detained as prescribed by this  
26 Section.

1       (8) Agreeing to a continuance for trial or status based on  
2       the failure of the State to complete discovery shall not be  
3       considered a delay occasioned by the minor for purposes of  
4       this Section.

5       (9) Nothing in this Section prevents the minor from  
6       exercising the minor's rights to waive the time limits set  
7       forth in this Section.