

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2019 and 2020 SB3581

Introduced 2/14/2020, by Sen. Melinda Bush

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

725 ILCS 5/106B-10

Amends the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963. Provides that in a prosecution of an offense that is a violent crime as defined in the Rights of Crime Victims and Witnesses Act, the court may set any conditions it finds just and appropriate on the taking of testimony of a victim who is a child under the age of 18 years or a moderately, severely, or profoundly intellectually disabled person or a person affected by a developmental disability, involving the use of a facility dog in any proceeding involving that offense.

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1 AN ACT concerning criminal law.

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

Section 5. The Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963 is amended by changing Section 106B-10 as follows:

(725 ILCS 5/106B-10)

Sec. 106B-10. Conditions for testimony by a victim who is a child or a moderately, severely, or profoundly intellectually disabled person or a person affected by a developmental disability. In a prosecution of criminal sexual assault, predatory criminal sexual assault of a child, aggravated criminal sexual assault, criminal sexual abuse, or aggravated criminal sexual abuse, or any violent crime as defined in subsection (c) of Section 3 of the Rights of Crime Victims and Witnesses Act, the court may set any conditions it finds just and appropriate on the taking of testimony of a victim who is a child under the age of 18 years or a moderately, severely, or profoundly intellectually disabled person or a person affected by a developmental disability, involving the use of a facility dog in any proceeding involving that offense. When deciding whether to permit the child or person to testify with the assistance of a facility dog, the court shall take into consideration the age of the child or person, the rights of the

- 1 parties to the litigation, and any other relevant factor that
- 2 would facilitate the testimony by the child or the person. As
- 3 used in this Section, "facility dog" means a dog that is a
- 4 graduate of an assistance dog organization that is a member of
- 5 Assistance Dogs International.
- 6 (Source: P.A. 99-94, eff. 1-1-16.)