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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 1360

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 1360 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Illinois Municipal Code is amended by  
5 adding Division 1.5 of Article 11 as follows:

6 (65 ILCS 5/Art. 11 Div. 1.5 heading new)

7 DIVISION 1.5.

8 CO-RESPONDER PILOT PROGRAM

9 (65 ILCS 5/11-1.5-5 new)

10 Sec. 11-1.5-5. Definitions. As used in this Section:

11 "Department" means the East St. Louis Police Department,  
12 the Peoria Police Department, the Springfield Police  
13 Department, or the Waukegan Police Department.

14 "Station adjustment" has the meaning given to that term in  
15 Section 1-3 of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987.

1       "Unit" means a co-responder unit created under this  
2 Division.

3       (65 ILCS 5/11-1.5-10 new)

4       Sec. 11-1.5-10. Establishment; responsibilities; focus.

5       (a) Each department shall establish, subject to  
6 appropriation, a co-responder unit no later than 6 months  
7 after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 102nd  
8 General Assembly, including the hiring of personnel as  
9 provided in this Division.

10       (b) The unit is responsible for conducting initial or  
11 follow-up visits for individuals who may benefit from mental  
12 or behavioral health services rather than traditional law  
13 enforcement response. The unit shall utilize community  
14 resources, including unit-integrated social workers in  
15 juvenile and adult investigations, to connect individuals with  
16 appropriate services, along with a special response team whose  
17 officers shall assist in the resolution of violent or armed  
18 emotionally distressed persons.

19       (c) The unit's 3 primary areas of focus shall be mental and  
20 behavioral health, substance use disorder services, and  
21 homelessness issues.

22       (65 ILCS 5/11-1.5-15 new)

23       Sec. 11-1.5-15. Duties. The duties of the unit include,  
24 but are not limited to:

1           (1) Serving as a resource to a department's community  
2           to identify and coordinate the social services available  
3           to residents who are victims of criminal acts.

4           (2) Networking with area social service agencies to  
5           develop a community-mutual resource system and wrap-around  
6           services (a team-based, collaborative case management  
7           approach) for victims in need of social service  
8           assistance; and fostering relationships with community  
9           organizations not limited to area hospitals, school  
10           districts, juvenile justice system, and various community  
11           groups.

12           (3) Employing social workers of the unit who shall:

13           (A) Upon request, provide community presentations  
14           on an array of social service topics.

15           (B) Assist individuals in diversion from the  
16           criminal justice system by addressing problems or  
17           concerns through therapeutic intervention.

18           (C) Facilitate follow-up treatment or referral to  
19           the appropriate community resource organization.

20           (D) When requested, assist department employees in  
21           securing services for those in need and provide  
22           educational information to help the employee better  
23           understand the circumstances or the community concern.

24           (E) Meet with walk-ins requesting information or  
25           assistance.

26           (F) Protect the interest, confidentiality, and

1 civil rights of the client.

2 (G) Train social work interns who may be working  
3 within the unit.

4 (H) Be on-call after regular business hours, as  
5 needed.

6 (L) Consult on all cases as needed by the  
7 department.

8 (M) Perform other functions as provided in Section  
9 11-1.5-20 or otherwise needed by a department.

10 (4) Employing social workers who shall work with  
11 victims of crimes as follows:

12 (A) Review police reports to identify known  
13 victims and contact them to offer direct and referred  
14 services.

15 (B) Assist victims with filing police reports and  
16 victim compensation forms.

17 (C) Provide safety planning services to victims.

18 (D) Provide crisis counseling services to victims  
19 and their families.

20 (E) Conduct home visits with victims in  
21 conjunction with police backup, when needed.

22 (F) Assist victims in obtaining orders of  
23 protection. A social worker, in the performance of his  
24 or her duties under this subparagraph, is an advocate,  
25 as that term is defined in Section 112A-3 of the Code  
26 of Criminal Procedure of 1963.

1           (G) Facilitate court advocacy services for  
2 victims, including arranging for transportation to and  
3 from court.

4           (H) Maintain confidential case files which include  
5 social history, diagnosis, formulation of treatment,  
6 and documentation of services.

7           (I) Perform miscellaneous personal advocacy tasks  
8 for victims, as needed.

9           (J) Oversee activities to ensure those victims  
10 with the most urgent needs are given the highest  
11 priority for services.

12           (K) Provide status updates on the progress of a  
13 victim's case.

14           (5) Adhering to and understand the applicable  
15 policies, procedures, and orders of a department.

16           (6) Attaining department-established unit goals.

17           (7) Maintaining a positive relationship with  
18 co-workers, as well as the investigators from area police  
19 departments and facilitate the exchange of information and  
20 resources pertaining to investigations.

21           (8) Keeping informed on crime trends within the City.

22           (9) Remaining obedient and responsive to all verbal  
23 and written orders issued by superiors.

24           (10) Completing police reports and other required  
25 documentation.

26           (11) Performing such other duties as may be required

1       by State law, city ordinance, and department policy or as  
2       may be assigned by a sworn supervisor.

3       (65 ILCS 5/11-1.5-20 new)

4       Sec. 11-1.5-20. Social workers.

5       (a) Unit social workers may be referred to as victim  
6       service specialists. Social workers are responsible for  
7       working as a team to provide trauma-informed crisis  
8       intervention, case management, advocacy, and ongoing emotional  
9       support to the victims of all crimes, with extra attention to  
10       crimes that cause a high level of victim trauma.

11       (b) Unit social workers involved in a case under adult  
12       investigations may perform the following responsibilities:

13               (1) Working with domestic violence investigators.

14               (2) Assisting victims with finding safe housing,  
15       transportation, and legal assistance.

16               (3) Providing other needed resources for the victim  
17       and their families, including working with children who  
18       witness and or experience domestic violence.

19               (4) Assisting victims and their children in setting up  
20       counseling.

21               (5) Helping reduce victim's chance of reentry into the  
22       violent situations.

23       (c) Unit social workers involved in a case under juvenile  
24       investigations may perform the following responsibilities:

25               (1) Working with families that have habitual runaways

1 and determining why the juveniles keep running away.

2 (2) Providing services to families where there have  
3 been domestic disturbances between the juveniles and their  
4 parents.

5 (3) Providing resources for parents to help their  
6 children who are struggling in school or need  
7 transportation to school.

8 (4) Providing guidance and advice to the families of a  
9 juvenile who has been arrested and what the next steps and  
10 options are in the process.

11 (5) Assisting a juvenile with station adjustments and  
12 creating a station adjustment program in a department.

13 (6) Providing services to juvenile victims and  
14 families where the Department of Children and Family  
15 Services either did not get involved or did not provide  
16 services.

17 (7) Assisting with overcoming feuds between groups of  
18 juveniles.

19 (8) Assisting us in instances where the families are  
20 not cooperative with police.

21 (9) Discussing with families and juveniles options and  
22 solutions to prevent future arrest.

23 (10) Maintaining a list of families in need that the  
24 unit or department have had contact with for department or  
25 city special events.

26 (11) Helping facilitate or assist a department in

1       community-oriented events, such as setting up an event  
2       where officers or unit personnel read books with younger  
3       children, talking about cyber crimes and social media, or  
4       having an officer or unit personnel visit a school for  
5       other activities.

6               (12) Helping reduce juvenile recidivism.

7               (65 ILCS 5/11-1.5-25 new)

8       Sec. 11-1.5-25. Training. All unit employees and the  
9       special response team shall be trained in crisis intervention  
10       and integrating communications, assessment and tactics.  
11       Integrating communications, assessment, and tactics training  
12       shall be designed for situations involving persons who are  
13       unarmed or are armed with weapons and who may be experiencing a  
14       mental health or other crisis. The training shall incorporate  
15       different skill sets into a unified training approach that  
16       emphasizes scenario-based exercises, as well as lecture and  
17       case study opportunities.

18               (65 ILCS 5/11-1.5-99 new)

19       Sec. 11-1.5-99. Repeal. This Division is repealed January  
20       1, 2029."