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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 595

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 595 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Counties Code is amended by adding Section
5 3-4000.2 as follows:

6 (55 ILCS 5/3-4000.2 new)

7 Sec. 3-4000.2. Office of Public Defense Trial Support.
8 Notwithstanding any provision in this Division to the
9 contrary, the Supreme Court is encouraged to establish a
10 framework for a statewide Office of Public Defense Trial
11 Support. The duties of the Office of Public Defense Trial
12 Support may include, but are not limited to: (1) providing
13 support to public defenders upon request; and (2) in
14 conjunction with all interested parties, including, but not
15 limited to, the Illinois Public Defender Association and the
16 Illinois Council of Chief Defenders, facilitating a strategic

1 planning process designed to enhance public defender services,
2 increase resources, and ensure that effective assistance of
3 counsel is rendered regardless of the jurisdiction in which
4 charges are brought. Subject to appropriation and at the
5 direction of the Supreme Court, the Administrative Office of
6 the Illinois Courts shall provide administrative and other
7 support to the Office of Public Defense Trial Support through
8 June 30, 2026.

9 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
10 becoming law."