

1 AN ACT concerning video conferencing.

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

4 Section 5. The Counties Code is amended by adding Section  
5 3-6040 as follows:

6 (55 ILCS 5/3-6040 new)

7 Sec. 3-6040. Interactive video conference pilot program.  
8 In order to eliminate the burden of transporting prisoners to  
9 other locations for status hearings, the sheriff of any  
10 county, with the approval of the county board and in  
11 cooperation with the chief judge of the circuit in which that  
12 county is located, may implement a pilot program providing  
13 for the conduct of status hearings through interactive video  
14 conferences. Within 6 months after the implementation of the  
15 pilot program, the sheriff shall report to the Governor and  
16 to the General Assembly regarding the use, costs,  
17 effectiveness, and future viability of interactive video  
18 conferences for status hearings.