

1 AN ACT concerning criminal law.

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

4 Section 5. The State Appellate Defender Act is amended by  
5 changing Section 10 as follows:

6 (725 ILCS 105/10) (from Ch. 38, par. 208-10)

7 Sec. 10. Powers and duties of State Appellate Defender.

8 (a) The State Appellate Defender shall represent indigent  
9 persons on appeal in criminal and delinquent minor proceedings,  
10 when appointed to do so by a court under a Supreme Court Rule  
11 or law of this State.

12 (b) The State Appellate Defender shall submit a budget for  
13 the approval of the State Appellate Defender Commission.

14 (c) The State Appellate Defender may:

15 (1) maintain a panel of private attorneys available to  
16 serve as counsel on a case basis;

17 (2) establish programs, alone or in conjunction with  
18 law schools, for the purpose of utilizing volunteer law  
19 students as legal assistants;

20 (3) cooperate and consult with state agencies,  
21 professional associations, and other groups concerning the  
22 causes of criminal conduct, the rehabilitation and  
23 correction of persons charged with and convicted of crime,

1 the administration of criminal justice, and, in counties of  
2 less than 1,000,000 population, study, design, develop and  
3 implement model systems for the delivery of trial level  
4 defender services, and make an annual report to the General  
5 Assembly;

6 (4) hire investigators to provide investigative  
7 services to appointed counsel and county public defenders;

8 (5) (blank); ~~in cases in which a death sentence is an~~  
9 ~~authorized disposition, provide trial counsel with legal~~  
10 ~~assistance and the assistance of expert witnesses,~~  
11 ~~investigators, and mitigation specialists from funds~~  
12 ~~appropriated to the State Appellate Defender specifically~~  
13 ~~for that purpose by the General Assembly. The Office of~~  
14 ~~State Appellate Defender shall not be appointed to serve as~~  
15 ~~trial counsel in capital cases;~~

16 (5.5) provide training to county public defenders;

17 (5.7) provide county public defenders with the  
18 assistance of expert witnesses and investigators from  
19 funds appropriated to the State Appellate Defender  
20 specifically for that purpose by the General Assembly. The  
21 Office of the State Appellate Defender shall not be  
22 appointed to act as trial counsel;

23 (6) develop a Juvenile Defender Resource Center to: (i)  
24 study, design, develop, and implement model systems for the  
25 delivery of trial level defender services for juveniles in  
26 the justice system; (ii) in cases in which a sentence of

1 incarceration or an adult sentence, or both, is an  
2 authorized disposition, provide trial counsel with legal  
3 advice and the assistance of expert witnesses and  
4 investigators from funds appropriated to the Office of the  
5 State Appellate Defender by the General Assembly  
6 specifically for that purpose; (iii) develop and provide  
7 training to public defenders on juvenile justice issues,  
8 utilizing resources including the State and local bar  
9 associations, the Illinois Public Defender Association,  
10 law schools, the Midwest Juvenile Defender Center, and pro  
11 bono efforts by law firms; and (iv) make an annual report  
12 to the General Assembly.

13 ~~Investigators employed by the Capital Trial Assistance~~  
14 ~~Unit and Capital Post Conviction Unit of the State Appellate~~  
15 ~~Defender shall be authorized to inquire through the Illinois~~  
16 ~~State Police or local law enforcement with the Law Enforcement~~  
17 ~~Agencies Data System (LEADS) under Section 2605-375 of the~~  
18 ~~Civil Administrative Code of Illinois to ascertain whether~~  
19 ~~their potential witnesses have a criminal background,~~  
20 ~~including: (i) warrants; (ii) arrests; (iii) convictions; and~~  
21 ~~(iv) officer safety information. This authorization applies~~  
22 ~~only to information held on the State level and shall be used~~  
23 ~~only to protect the personal safety of the investigators. Any~~  
24 ~~information that is obtained through this inquiry may not be~~  
25 ~~disclosed by the investigators.~~

26 (d) (Blank). ~~For each State fiscal year, the State~~

1 ~~Appellate Defender shall request a direct appropriation from~~  
2 ~~the Capital Litigation Trust Fund for expenses incurred by the~~  
3 ~~State Appellate Defender in providing assistance to trial~~  
4 ~~attorneys under item (c) (5) of this Section and for expenses~~  
5 ~~incurred by the State Appellate Defender in representing~~  
6 ~~petitioners in capital cases in post conviction proceedings~~  
7 ~~under Article 122 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963 and~~  
8 ~~in relation to petitions filed under Section 2-1401 of the Code~~  
9 ~~of Civil Procedure in relation to capital cases and for the~~  
10 ~~representation of those petitioners by attorneys approved by or~~  
11 ~~contracted with the State Appellate Defender and an~~  
12 ~~appropriation to the State Treasurer for payments from the~~  
13 ~~Trust Fund for the defense of cases in counties other than Cook~~  
14 ~~County. The State Appellate Defender may appear before the~~  
15 ~~General Assembly at other times during the State's fiscal year~~  
16 ~~to request supplemental appropriations from the Trust Fund to~~  
17 ~~the State Treasurer.~~

18 (e) The requirement for reporting to the General Assembly  
19 shall be satisfied by filing copies of the report with the  
20 Speaker, the Minority Leader and the Clerk of the House of  
21 Representatives and the President, the Minority Leader and the  
22 Secretary of the Senate and the Legislative Research Unit, as  
23 required by Section 3.1 of the General Assembly Organization  
24 Act and filing such additional copies with the State Government  
25 Report Distribution Center for the General Assembly as is  
26 required under paragraph (t) of Section 7 of the State Library

1 Act.

2 (Source: P.A. 95-376, eff. 1-1-08; 96-1148, eff. 7-21-10.)

3 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
4 becoming law.