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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 3632

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 3632 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Homicide Victims' Families' Rights Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions. In this Act:

7 "Agency" means a law enforcement entity of a unit of local
8 government that is vested by law or ordinance with the duty to
9 maintain public order and to enforce criminal laws or
10 ordinances.

11 "Applicable agency" means a police agency that is
12 investigating or has investigated the murder of the victim,
13 excluding the Office of the Attorney General and the Cook
14 County State's Attorney.

15 "Designated person" means an immediate family member.

16 "Immediate family member" means a parent, parent-in-law,

1 grandparent, grandparent-in-law, sibling, spouse, child,
2 stepchild, foster parent, or guardian of a murder victim.

3 "Open unresolved murder" means any criminal activity in
4 which death occurred more than 3 years prior to the date of the
5 application under subsection (a) of Section 10, for which all
6 probative investigative leads have been exhausted, and for
7 which no likely perpetrator has been identified.

8 "Victim" means the victim of a murder.

9 Section 10. Case file review.

10 (a) An applicable agency shall review the case file
11 regarding an open unresolved murder upon written application
12 by a designated person to determine if a full reinvestigation
13 would result in probative investigative leads.

14 (b) The case file review shall include, but is not limited
15 to:

16 (1) an analysis of what investigative steps or
17 follow-up steps may have been missed in the initial
18 investigation;

19 (2) an assessment of whether witnesses should be
20 interviewed or re-interviewed;

21 (3) an examination of physical evidence to see if all
22 appropriate forensic testing and analysis was performed in
23 the first instance or if additional testing might produce
24 information relevant to the investigation; and

25 (4) a modernization of the file to bring it up to

1 current investigative standards to the extent it would
2 help develop probative leads.

3 (c) The person or persons performing the review required
4 by subsection (a) shall not have previously investigated the
5 murder. This subsection (c) does not apply to law enforcement
6 agencies located in municipalities that have fewer than 35,000
7 inhabitants.

8 (d) The applicable agency shall confirm in writing receipt
9 of a request made under subsection (a).

10 (e) Only one case review shall be undertaken at any one
11 time with respect to the same open unresolved murder victim.

12 (f) No later than 6 months after the receipt of the written
13 application submitted pursuant to subsection (a), the
14 applicable agency shall conclude its case file review and
15 reach a conclusion whether a full reinvestigation under
16 Section 25 is warranted.

17 (g) The applicable agency may extend the limit in
18 subsection (f) for periods not to exceed 6 months if the agency
19 makes a finding that the number of case files to be reviewed
20 make it impracticable to comply with said limit without
21 unreasonably taking resources from other law enforcement
22 activities.

23 For cases for which the time limit in subsection (f) is
24 extended, the applicable agency shall provide notice and an
25 explanation of its reasoning to the designated person who
26 filed the written application under this Section.

1 Section 15. Application. Each agency shall develop a
2 written application to be used for designated persons to
3 request a case file review under Section 10.

4 Section 20. Notice. Each agency shall provide notice of
5 the rights under this Act to designated persons as soon as is
6 practicable after being made aware of a murder.

7 Section 25. Full reinvestigation.

8 (a) The applicable agency shall conduct a full
9 reinvestigation of the open unresolved murder if the review of
10 the case file required by Section 10 concludes that a full
11 reinvestigation of the open unresolved murder would result in
12 probative investigative leads.

13 (b) A full reinvestigation shall include analyzing all
14 evidence regarding the open unresolved murder at issue for the
15 purpose of developing probative investigative leads as to the
16 perpetrator.

17 (c) The person or persons performing the full
18 reinvestigation required by subsection (a) shall not have
19 previously investigated the murder, except for the case file
20 review pursuant to Section 10, unless there is at least one
21 other person performing the full reinvestigation who has not
22 previously investigated the murder.

23 (d) Only one full reinvestigation shall be undertaken at

1 any one time with respect to the same open unresolved murder
2 victim.

3 Section 30. Consultation and updates.

4 (a) The applicable agency shall consult with the
5 designated person who filed the written application under
6 Section 10 and provide him or her with periodic updates during
7 the case file review and full reinvestigation.

8 (b) The applicable agency shall meet with the designated
9 person and discuss the evidence to explain to the designated
10 person who filed the written application under Section 10 its
11 decision whether to engage in the full reinvestigation
12 provided for under Section 25 at the conclusion of the case
13 file review.

14 Section 35. Subsequent reviews.

15 (a) If a case file review is completed and a conclusion is
16 reached not to conduct a full reinvestigation, no additional
17 case file review shall be undertaken for a period of 5 years,
18 unless there is newly discovered, materially significant
19 evidence.

20 (b) If a full reinvestigation is done and a suspect is not
21 identified at its conclusion, no additional case file review
22 or full reinvestigation shall be undertaken for a period of 5
23 years, unless there is newly discovered, materially
24 significant new evidence.

1 Section 36. Family liaison officers.

2 (a) Each agency shall employ or designate a minimum number
3 of family liaison officers proportionate to the average number
4 of homicides in the agency's jurisdiction within the previous
5 5 years of the date of employment with the maximum ratio of 40
6 homicides per each family liaison officer employed or
7 designated. Each agency may establish a lower ratio for hiring
8 or designating family liaison officers.

9 (b) The primary purpose of a family liaison officer is
10 that of an investigator. A family liaison officer's role is to
11 gather evidence and information from the family to contribute
12 to the investigation and preserve its integrity. The family
13 liaison officer shall also provide support and information, in
14 a sensitive and compassionate manner, securing confidence and
15 trust of families of victims of crime (primarily homicide),
16 road fatality, mass disaster, or other critical incident,
17 ensuring family members are given timely information in
18 accordance with the needs of the investigation.

19 (c) The family liaison officer shall:

20 (1) establish and maintain a supportive and ethical
21 relationship with the family, building trust, in line with
22 local and national guidance to gathering information and
23 evidence;

24 (2) act as a single point of contact between families
25 and investigation teams when a homicide occurs to enable

1 information to be shared which may assist in the
2 investigation;

3 (3) collect best evidence to enable identification of
4 a reported missing person (high risk of criminality or
5 vulnerability) or identify the deceased, and consider
6 potential future viewing requirements and postmortem with
7 the family to further the investigation;

8 (4) provide information regarding additional services
9 available for families, including providing information
10 about open unresolved murders to support agencies, and
11 explain criminal justice and coroner's procedures, so that
12 they can access all available services and support;

13 (5) contact the family at least once every 30 days for
14 the first 6 months the case is open then once per quarter
15 until the case becomes inactive. The family liaison
16 officer shall work closely with the lead investigator to
17 obtain substantive updates on the case prior to contacting
18 the family. The lead investigator has discretion over any
19 information shared with the family and shall communicate
20 with the family liaison accordingly. If the family liaison
21 officer is contacted by the family regarding an open case
22 at any time, the family liaison officer shall return the
23 call within 5 business days with all relevant information
24 regarding a police investigation, in line with the
25 strategy of the chief investigating officer or lead
26 investigator so that they are informed of progress;

1 (6) obtain victimology and family personal statements
2 and any other material to enable the gathering of evidence
3 and to support the investigative process;

4 (7) document any requests or complaints, or both, made
5 by the family, to be forwarded for the consideration of
6 the chief investigating officer or lead investigator;

7 (8) record all contact with the family to ensure
8 compliance with this Act, the Criminal Identification Act,
9 the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Act, the Missing
10 Children Records Act, the Juvenile Court Act of 1987, the
11 Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963, the Rights of Crime
12 Victims and Witnesses Act, and the Police and Community
13 Relations Improvement Act to maintain the integrity of the
14 investigation;

15 (9) be the liaison between families and the coroner or
16 medical examiner and chief investigating officer or lead
17 investigator in relation to the Illinois Anatomical Gift
18 Act; and

19 (10) track the case files required in Section 10, the
20 date of review of the case file, confirm the receipt of the
21 request of the case file, provide notice to the family if
22 an extension of review has been made, and consult with the
23 family on the investigation of the case.

24 (d) A family liaison officer may not be assigned to work
25 patrol or attached to other special units while designated as
26 a family liaison officer.

1 (e) The training of all family liaison officers shall
2 include instruction on victim-centered, trauma-informed
3 investigation as established by the Illinois Law Enforcement
4 Training Standards Board.

5 (f) Except in emergencies or other exigent circumstances,
6 a family liaison officer shall exclusively investigate
7 homicide cases.

8 Section 40. Data collection; annual report.

9 (a) Beginning 3 years after the effective date of this
10 Act, the Illinois State Police shall publish statistics
11 annually, including:

12 (1) the number of cases for which a case file review
13 request was submitted;

14 (2) the number of cases granted a full
15 reinvestigation; and

16 (3) the number of cases sent to the prosecutor as a
17 result of a reinvestigation.

18 (b) The Illinois State Police shall submit an annual
19 report to the General Assembly and the Governor, including the
20 data listed in subsection (a). The annual report shall also be
21 made available to the public.

22 Section 45. Procedures to promote compliance.

23 (a) Not later than one year after the effective date of
24 this Act, the head of each agency shall adopt rules to enforce

1 the rights of designated persons and to ensure compliance by
2 responsible officials with the obligations described in this
3 Act.

4 (b) The rules adopted under subsection (a) shall:

5 (1) designate an administrative authority within the
6 agency to receive and investigate complaints relating to
7 the provision or violation of the rights of designated
8 persons;

9 (2) require a course of training for employees of the
10 agency regarding the rights provided under this Act;

11 (3) contain disciplinary sanctions, including
12 suspension or termination from employment, for employees
13 of the agency who willfully or wantonly fail to comply
14 with this Act;

15 (4) establish a process for investigations into the
16 conduct of persons no longer employed by a law enforcement
17 agency when a complaint is filed and a process for
18 referrals for prosecution to the appropriate State's
19 Attorney; and

20 (5) provide that the head of the agency, or the head of
21 the agency's designee, shall be the final arbiter of the
22 complaint, and that there shall be no judicial review of
23 the final decision of the head of the agency by a
24 complainant.

25 Section 50. Withholding information. Nothing in this Act

1 shall require an agency to provide information that would
2 endanger the safety of any person, unreasonably impede an
3 ongoing investigation, violate a court order, or violate legal
4 obligations regarding privacy.

5 Section 55. Multiple agencies. If there is more than one
6 possible applicable agency, each applicable agency shall
7 coordinate its case file review or full reinvestigation such
8 that there is only one joint case file review or full
9 reinvestigation occurring at a time in compliance with
10 subsection (e) of Section 10 or subsection (d) of Section 25,
11 as applicable.

12 Section 60. Applicability. This Act applies to murders
13 occurring on or after January 1, 1970, and only to law
14 enforcement agencies located wholly within the boundaries of
15 counties with a population of 3,000,000 or more.

16 Section 90. The Illinois State Police Law of the Civil
17 Administrative Code of Illinois is amended by adding Section
18 2605-376 as follows:

19 (20 ILCS 2605/2605-376 new)

20 Sec. 2605-376. Illinois State Police to compile and
21 publish information regarding open unresolved murders. The
22 Illinois State Police shall compile and publish information

1 regarding open unresolved murders as provided in Section 40 of
2 the Homicide Victims' Families' Rights Act.".