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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 1851

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 1851 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Counties Code is amended by adding Section  
5 3-6043 as follows:

6 (55 ILCS 5/3-6043 new)

7 Sec. 3-6043. Co-responder unit of the McHenry County  
8 Sheriff's Office. The McHenry County Sheriff's Office shall  
9 establish a co-responder unit under Division 1.5 of Article 11  
10 of the Illinois Municipal Code.

11 Section 10. The Illinois Municipal Code is amended by  
12 changing Sections 11-1.5-5, 11-1.5-10, 11-1.5-15, and  
13 11-1.5-20 as follows:

14 (65 ILCS 5/11-1.5-5)

1 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2029)

2 Sec. 11-1.5-5. Definitions. As used in this Division:

3 "Department" means the East St. Louis Police Department,  
4 the Peoria Police Department, the Springfield Police  
5 Department, ~~or~~ the Waukegan Police Department, the McHenry  
6 County Sheriff's Office, or the Skokie Police Department.

7 "Social Worker" means a licensed clinical social worker or  
8 licensed social worker, as those terms are defined in the  
9 Clinical Social Work and Social Work Practice Act.

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

12 "Unit" means a co-responder unit created under this  
13 Division.

14 (Source: P.A. 102-756, eff. 5-10-22; 103-154, eff. 6-30-23.)

15 (65 ILCS 5/11-1.5-10)

16 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2029)

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

18 (a) Each department shall establish, subject to  
19 appropriation, a co-responder unit no later than 6 months  
20 after May 10, 2022 (the effective date of Public Act 102-756)  
21 ~~this amendatory Act of the 102nd General Assembly~~, including  
22 the hiring of personnel as provided in this Division. The  
23 McHenry County Sheriff's Office and the Skokie Police  
24 Department shall each establish a co-responder unit no later  
25 than 6 months after the effective date of this amendatory Act

1 of the 104th General Assembly and shall hire the personnel  
2 required under this Division.

3 (b) Along with the duties described in Sections 11-1.5-15  
4 and 11-1.5-20, the unit's social workers are responsible for  
5 following up with ~~conducting follow up visits for~~ victims who  
6 may benefit from mental or behavioral health services. The  
7 unit shall utilize community resources, including services  
8 provided through the Department of Human Services and social  
9 workers in juvenile and adult investigations, to connect  
10 individuals with appropriate services.

11 (c) The unit's primary area of focus shall be victim  
12 assistance.

13 (Source: P.A. 102-756, eff. 5-10-22.)

14 (65 ILCS 5/11-1.5-15)

15 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2029)

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

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

21 (2) Networking with area social service agencies to  
22 develop a community-mutual resource system and wrap-around  
23 services (a team-based, collaborative case management  
24 approach) for victims in need of social service  
25 assistance; and fostering relationships with community

1 organizations not limited to area hospitals, school  
2 districts, juvenile justice system, and various community  
3 groups.

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

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

7 (B) Assist individuals in diversion from the  
8 criminal justice system by addressing problems or  
9 concerns through therapeutic intervention.

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

12 (D) When requested, assist department employees in  
13 securing services for those in need and provide  
14 educational information to help the employee better  
15 understand the circumstances or the community concern.

16 (E) Meet with walk-ins requesting information or  
17 assistance.

18 (F) Protect the interest, confidentiality, and  
19 civil rights of the client.

20 (G) Train social work interns who may be working  
21 within the unit.

22 (H) Be on-call after regular business hours, as  
23 needed.

24 (I) Inform clients, prior to providing services  
25 under this Division, what communications are  
26 confidential pursuant to applicable provisions of

1 State or federal law, rule, or regulation and what may  
2 be shared with the social worker's employer.

3 (J) Consult on all cases as needed by the  
4 department.

5 (K) Perform other functions as provided in Section  
6 11-1.5-20 or otherwise needed by a department.

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

9 (A) Review ~~police~~ reports to identify known  
10 victims and contact them to offer direct and referred  
11 services.

12 (B) Assist victims with filing ~~police~~ reports and  
13 victim compensation forms.

14 (C) Provide safety planning services to victims.

15 (D) Provide crisis counseling services to victims  
16 and their families.

17 (E) Conduct home visits with victims in  
18 conjunction with law enforcement ~~police~~ backup, when  
19 needed.

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

25 (G) Facilitate court advocacy services for  
26 victims, including arranging for transportation to and

1 from court.

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

5 (I) Perform miscellaneous personal advocacy tasks  
6 for victims, as needed.

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

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

12 (5) Adhering to and understanding the applicable  
13 policies, procedures, and orders of a department.

14 (6) Attaining department-established unit goals.

15 (7) Maintaining a positive relationship with  
16 co-workers, as well as the investigators from area law  
17 enforcement agencies, ~~police departments~~ and facilitating  
18 the exchange of information and resources pertaining to  
19 investigations that would not violate confidentiality as  
20 protected pursuant to applicable provisions of State or  
21 federal law, rule, or regulation.

22 (8) Keeping informed on crime trends within the  
23 department the unit supports City.

24 (9) Remaining obedient and responsive to all lawful  
25 verbal and written orders issued by superiors.

26 (10) Completing ~~police~~ reports and other required

1 documentation.

2 (11) Performing such other duties as may be required  
3 by State law, city ordinance, and department policy or as  
4 may be assigned by a sworn supervisor.

5 (Source: P.A. 102-756, eff. 5-10-22.)

6 (65 ILCS 5/11-1.5-20)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2029)

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

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

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

17 (1) Working with domestic violence investigators.

18 (2) Assisting victims with finding safe housing,  
19 transportation, and legal assistance.

20 (3) Providing other needed resources for victims and  
21 their families, including working with children who  
22 witness or experience domestic violence.

23 (4) Assisting victims and their children in setting up  
24 counseling.

25 (5) Helping reduce victims' chances of reentry into

1 violent situations.

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

4 (1) Working with families that have habitual runaways  
5 and determining why the juveniles keep running away.

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

9 (3) Providing resources for parents to help their  
10 children who are struggling in school or need  
11 transportation to school.

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

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

17 (6) Providing services to juvenile victims and  
18 families where the Department of Children and Family  
19 Services either did not get involved or did not provide  
20 services.

21 (7) Assisting with overcoming feuds between groups of  
22 juveniles.

23 (8) Assisting in instances where the families are not  
24 cooperative with law enforcement ~~police~~.

25 (9) Discussing with families and juveniles options and  
26 solutions to prevent future arrest.

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

4           (11) Helping facilitate or assist a department in  
5           community-oriented events, such as setting up an event  
6           where officers or unit personnel read books with younger  
7           children, talking about cyber crimes and social media, or  
8           having an officer or unit personnel visit a school for  
9           other activities.

10           (12) Helping reduce juvenile recidivism.

11           (Source: P.A. 102-756, eff. 5-10-22.)".