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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 2156

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 2156 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Unified Code of Corrections is amended by  
5 adding Section 3-2.5-105 as follows:

6 (730 ILCS 5/3-2.5-105 new)

7 Sec. 3-2.5-105. Child First Reform Task Force.

8 (a) The Child First Reform Task Force is created within  
9 the Juvenile Justice Commission. The purpose of the Task Force  
10 is to review and study the current state of juvenile detention  
11 centers across the State. The Task Force shall consider the  
12 conditions and administration of individual juvenile detention  
13 centers, identify the resources needed to consistently meet  
14 the minimum standards set by the Department of Juvenile  
15 Justice and the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts,  
16 evaluate complaints arising out of juvenile detention centers,

1 identify best practices to provide detention center care,  
2 propose community-based alternatives to juvenile detention,  
3 and advise on the creation of the Youth Advisory Agency with  
4 youth justice advisors and district youth advisory offices in  
5 each circuit court district. The Task Force shall also make  
6 recommendations for policy changes at the Department of  
7 Juvenile Justice to support child-first directives aligned  
8 with the policies and practices established in the Convention  
9 on the Rights of the Child that was adopted by the United  
10 Nations General Assembly on November 20, 1989, and became  
11 effective as an international treaty on September 2, 1990.

12 (b) The Task Force shall consist of the following members:

13 (1) A member of the Senate appointed by the President  
14 of the Senate.

15 (2) A member of the Senate appointed by the Minority  
16 Leader of the Senate.

17 (3) A member of the House appointed by the Speaker of  
18 the House.

19 (4) A member of the House appointed by the Minority  
20 Leader of the House.

21 (5) A member appointed by the Director of Juvenile  
22 Justice.

23 (6) A member appointed by the Director of Human  
24 Rights.

25 (7) A member appointed by the Independent Juvenile  
26 Ombudsperson.

1           (8) A member appointed by the Independent Juvenile  
2           Ombudsperson who represents an organization that advocates  
3           for a community-based rehabilitation or systems impacted  
4           individuals.

5           (9) A member appointed by the Independent Juvenile  
6           Ombudsperson who represents an organization that advocates  
7           for juvenile justice reform.

8           (10) Two members appointed by the Illinois Juvenile  
9           Justice Commission.

10           (11) A member appointed by the Director of the  
11           Governor's Office of Management and Budget.

12           (12) Two members appointed by the Lieutenant Governor  
13           who are members of a county board of a county operating a  
14           county detention facility.

15           (13) A member appointed by the Lieutenant Governor  
16           from the Justice, Equity, and Opportunity Initiative.

17           (14) Two members appointed by the Director of Juvenile  
18           Justice who are over the age of 18 and who have served any  
19           amount of time in a county juvenile detention facility.

20           (15) A member appointed by the Director of the  
21           Illinois State Police.

22           (16) A member appointed by the Secretary of Human  
23           Services.

24           (c) Appointments to the Task Force shall be made within 90  
25           days after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the  
26           104th General Assembly. Members shall serve without

1 compensation.

2 (d) The Task Force shall meet at the call of a co-chair at  
3 least quarterly to fulfill its duties. The members of the Task  
4 Force shall select 2 co-chairs from among themselves at their  
5 first meeting.

6 (e) The Task Force shall:

7 (1) engage community organizations, interested groups,  
8 and members of the public for the purpose of assessing:

9 (A) community-based alternatives to detention and  
10 the adoption and implementation of such alternatives;

11 (B) the needs of juveniles detained in county  
12 detention facilities;

13 (C) strategic planning for a transition away from  
14 juvenile detention facilities;

15 (D) the establishment of more accountability  
16 between county facilities and the Department of  
17 Juvenile Justice, or if there would be a benefit for  
18 the State in operating detention centers for persons  
19 awaiting sentencing or court determination, in lieu of  
20 counties providing this service, when in extreme cases  
21 the county detention center is unable to pass minimum  
22 standards;

23 (E) evidence-based best practices regarding the  
24 delivery of services within detention centers,  
25 including healthcare and education;

26 (F) the integration of restorative practices into

1           the juvenile detention system, focusing on healing,  
2           accountability, and community restoration;

3           (G) the implementation of child-first directives  
4           within the Department of Juvenile Justice and  
5           throughout the State;

6           (H) strategic planning for creating a Youth  
7           Advisory Agency with district youth advisory offices  
8           in each circuit court district;

9           (I) the implementation of youth justice advisors  
10           within the Youth Advisory Agency to guide juveniles  
11           through the juvenile justice process, including  
12           through interactions with law enforcement, the courts,  
13           and community-based alternatives to detention;

14           (J) how county juvenile detention facilities are  
15           currently funded;

16           (K) how to encourage the Illinois Supreme Court  
17           and relevant authorities to require, as a consistent  
18           part of continuing education, training on child-first  
19           directives, child rights, and the unique needs of  
20           minors in the justice system; and

21           (L) the establishment of training requirements by  
22           the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board  
23           for law enforcement on child-first directives, child  
24           rights, and the unique needs of minors in the justice  
25           system;

26           (2) review available research and data on the benefits

1 of community-based alternatives to detention versus the  
2 benefits of juvenile detention;

3 (3) review Administrative Office of the Illinois  
4 Courts, Department of Juvenile Justice, and Independent  
5 Ombudsperson monitoring reports to identify specific  
6 instances of non-compliance arising out of county juvenile  
7 detention facilities and patterns of noncompliance  
8 Statewide; and

9 (4) make recommendations or suggestions for changes to  
10 the County Shelter Care and Detention Home Act and the  
11 Unified Code of Corrections, including changes and  
12 improvements to the juvenile detention system.

13 (f) On or before January 1, 2026, the Task Force shall  
14 publish a final report of its findings and non-binding  
15 recommendations. The report shall, at a minimum, detail  
16 findings and recommendations related to the duties of the Task  
17 Force and the following:

18 (1) the process and standards used to determine  
19 whether a juvenile will be detained in a county facility;

20 (2) information and recommendations on detention  
21 facility standards, including how to ensure compliance  
22 with minimum standards, which facilities are chronically  
23 noncompliant and the reasons for noncompliance, including  
24 specific instances of noncompliance, and penalties for  
25 noncompliance;

26 (3) strategic planning suggestions to transition away

1 from juvenile detention;

2 (4) how county juvenile detention facilities are  
3 currently funded;

4 (5) recommendations on whether to establish more  
5 accountability between county facilities and the  
6 Department of Juvenile Justice, or whether the operation  
7 of all detention centers should be transferred to the  
8 Department of Juvenile Justice;

9 (6) how to incorporate restorative practices into the  
10 juvenile justice system;

11 (7) implementing child-first directives throughout the  
12 State;

13 (8) strategic planning suggestions on creating a Youth  
14 Advisory Agency with youth justice advisors and district  
15 youth advisory offices in each circuit court district;

16 (9) recommendations on the duties of youth justice  
17 advisors and the role they will serve in assisting  
18 juveniles through the juvenile justice process, including  
19 through interactions with law enforcement, the courts, and  
20 community-based alternatives to detention, and  
21 recommendations on how many youth justice advisors to  
22 staff for each circuit court district;

23 (10) strategic planning suggestions to encourage the  
24 Illinois Supreme Court and relevant authorities to  
25 require, as a consistent part of continuing education,  
26 training on child-first directives, child rights, and the

1 unique needs of minors in the justice system; and

2 (11) strategic planning to require the Illinois Law  
3 Enforcement Training Standards Board to establish training  
4 for law enforcement on child-first directives, child  
5 rights, and the unique needs of minors in the justice  
6 system.

7 The final report shall be submitted to the General  
8 Assembly, the Offices of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor,  
9 the Chief Judge of each circuit court operating a county  
10 detention facility, the county board of each county operating  
11 a county detention facility, and the Office of the Attorney  
12 General.

13 (g) The Juvenile Justice Commission shall provide  
14 administrative support for the Task Force.

15 (h) This Section is repealed on January 1, 2028.

16 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
17 becoming law."