



101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2019 and 2020

SB2919

Introduced 2/4/2020, by Sen. Patricia Van Pelt

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

705 ILCS 405/5-175 new

Amends the Juvenile Court Act of 1987. Provides that the Chief Judge of each judicial circuit may establish a Justice for Juveniles Program, which would require that juveniles arrested or detained for eligible offenses be represented by legal counsel throughout the entire custodial interrogation of the juvenile. Provides that if a Chief Judge establishes a Justice for Juveniles Program, any oral, written, or sign language statement of a juvenile made without the presence of legal counsel during a custodial interrogation on or after the effective date of the Program shall be inadmissible as evidence against the juvenile in a proceeding under this Act or in a proceeding under the Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012. Provides that the Justice for Juveniles Program shall be implemented in addition to the representation for minor requirements under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987. Defines "eligible offense" and "juvenile".

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1 AN ACT concerning courts.

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

4 Section 5. The Juvenile Court Act of 1987 is amended by
5 adding Section 5-175 as follows:

6 (705 ILCS 405/5-175 new)

7 Sec. 5-175. Justice for Juveniles Program.

8 (a) The General Assembly recognizes the complex legal
9 challenges faced by juveniles who are arrested for serious
10 offenses. The statements and decisions made by juveniles while
11 detained have consequences which will shape areas of their
12 lives that the juveniles have yet to experience. The General
13 Assembly further acknowledges that the juvenile brain has not
14 completely developed, which may hinder understanding of legal
15 rights without the assistance of legal counsel.

16 (b) In this Section:

17 "Eligible offense" means an offense that if committed
18 by an adult would be a violation of Section 9-1, 9-1.2,
19 9-2, 9-2.1, 9-3, 9-3.2, 9-3.3, 11-1.20, 11-1.30, 11-1.40,
20 11-1.50, 11-1.60, 12-13, 12-14, 12-14.1, 12-15, or 12-16 of
21 the Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012.

22 "Juvenile" means a minor who was under the age of 18
23 years of age at the time of the commission of the eligible

1 offense.

2 (c) The Chief Judge of each judicial circuit may establish
3 a Justice for Juveniles Program, which would require that
4 juveniles arrested or detained for eligible offenses be
5 represented by legal counsel throughout the entire custodial
6 interrogation of the juvenile. If a Chief Judge establishes a
7 Justice for Juveniles Program, any oral, written, or sign
8 language statement of a juvenile made without the presence of
9 legal counsel during a custodial interrogation on or after the
10 effective date of the Program shall be inadmissible as evidence
11 against the juvenile in a proceeding under this Act or in a
12 proceeding under the Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code
13 of 2012.

14 (d) The Justice for Juveniles Program established in
15 subsection (c) shall be implemented in addition to the
16 representation by counsel requirements of Section 5-170.