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SB3801

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

730 ILCS 110/15

from Ch. 38, par. 204-7

Amends the Probation and Probation Officers Act. Provides that the Division of Probation Services shall reimburse the county or counties for 100% of the salary for all probation officer and supervisor positions approved for reimbursement by the division to meet pretrial services programs and specialty court programs. Provides that for the remaining probation officer positions engaged in basic services and new or expanded services approved for reimbursement before December 1, 2019, the counties shall be reimbursed \$1,500 per month beginning July 1, 2021, and an additional \$500 per month beginning each July 1st thereafter until all such positions receive 100% salary reimbursement.

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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 Probation and Probation Officers Act is 5 amended by changing Section 15 as follows:

6 (730 ILCS 110/15) (from Ch. 38, par. 204-7)

Sec. 15. (1) The Supreme Court of Illinois may establish a Division of Probation Services whose purpose shall be the development, establishment, promulgation, and enforcement of uniform standards for probation services in this State, and to otherwise carry out the intent of this Act. The Division may:

(a) establish qualifications for chief probation
officers and other probation and court services personnel
as to hiring, promotion, and training.

(b) make available, on a timely basis, lists of those
applicants whose qualifications meet the regulations
referred to herein, including on said lists all candidates
found qualified.

(c) establish a means of verifying the conditions for
 reimbursement under this Act and develop criteria for
 approved costs for reimbursement.

22 (d) develop standards and approve employee 23 compensation schedules for probation and court services SB3801

1 departments.

2 (e) employ sufficient personnel in the Division to 3 carry out the functions of the Division.

(f) establish a system of training and establish standards for personnel orientation and training.

(g) develop standards for a system of record keeping 6 7 for cases and programs, gather statistics, establish a 8 system of uniform forms, and develop research for planning 9 of Probation Services.

10 (h) develop standards to assure adequate support 11 personnel, office space, equipment and supplies, travel 12 expenses, and other essential items necessary for 13 Probation and Court Services Departments to carry out their 14 duties.

15 (i) review and approve annual plans submitted by 16 Probation and Court Services Departments.

17 (j) monitor and evaluate all programs operated by Probation and Court Services Departments, and may include 18 in the program evaluation criteria such factors as the 19 20 percentage of Probation sentences for felons convicted of Probationable offenses. 21

22 (k) seek the cooperation of local and State government 23 and private agencies to improve the quality of probation and court services. 24

25 (1) appropriate, establish where programs and 26 corresponding standards designed to generally improve the

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quality of probation and court services and reduce the rate of adult or juvenile offenders committed to the Department of Corrections.

4 (m) establish such other standards and regulations and
5 do all acts necessary to carry out the intent and purposes
6 of this Act.

7 The Division shall develop standards to implement the 8 Domestic Violence Surveillance Program established under 9 Section 5-8A-7 of the Unified Code of Corrections, including 10 (i) procurement of equipment and other services necessary to 11 implement the program and (ii) development of uniform standards 12 for the delivery of the program through county probation 13 departments, and develop standards for collecting data to 14 evaluate the impact and costs of the Domestic Violence 15 Surveillance Program.

16 The Division shall establish a model list of structured 17 intermediate sanctions that may be imposed by a probation 18 agency for violations of terms and conditions of a sentence of 19 probation, conditional discharge, or supervision.

The Division shall establish training standards for continuing education of probation officers and supervisors and broaden access to available training programs.

The State of Illinois shall provide for the costs of personnel, travel, equipment, telecommunications, postage, commodities, printing, space, contractual services and other related costs necessary to carry out the intent of this Act. SB3801

(2) (a) The chief judge of each circuit shall provide 1 2 full-time probation services for all counties within the circuit, in a manner consistent with the annual probation plan, 3 the standards, policies, and regulations established by the 4 5 Supreme Court. A probation district of two or more counties 6 within a circuit may be created for the purposes of providing 7 full-time probation services. Every county or group of counties 8 within a circuit shall maintain a probation department which 9 shall be under the authority of the Chief Judge of the circuit 10 or some other judge designated by the Chief Judge. The Chief Judge, through the Probation and Court Services Department 11 12 shall submit annual plans to the Division for probation and 13 related services.

(b) The Chief Judge of each circuit shall appoint the Chief Probation Officer and all other probation officers for his or her circuit from lists of qualified applicants supplied by the Supreme Court. Candidates for chief managing officer and other probation officer positions must apply with both the Chief Judge of the circuit and the Supreme Court.

(3) A Probation and Court Service Department shall apply to the Supreme Court for funds for basic services, and may apply for funds for new and expanded programs or Individualized Services and Programs. Costs shall be reimbursed monthly based on a plan and budget approved by the Supreme Court. No Department may be reimbursed for costs which exceed or are not provided for in the approved annual plan and budget. After the 1 - 5 - LRB101 18447 RLC 67895 b

effective date of this amendatory Act of 1985, each county must provide basic services in accordance with the annual plan and standards created by the division. No department may receive funds for new or expanded programs or individualized services and programs unless they are in compliance with standards as enumerated in paragraph (h) of subsection (1) of this Section, the annual plan, and standards for basic services.

8 (4) The Division shall reimburse the county or counties for9 probation services as follows:

(a) 100% of the salary of all chief managing officers
designated as such by the Chief Judge and the division.

12 (b) 100% of the salary for all probation officer and 13 supervisor positions approved for reimbursement by the 14 division after April 1, 1984, to meet workload standards, and to implement intensive sanction and 15 probation 16 supervision programs, pretrial services programs, 17 specialty court programs, and other basic services as defined in this Act. 18

(c) 100% of the salary for all secure detention 19 20 personnel and non-secure group home personnel approved for reimbursement after December 1, 1990. For all such 21 22 positions approved for reimbursement before December 1, 23 1990, the counties shall be reimbursed \$1,250 per month beginning July 1, 1995, and an additional \$250 per month 24 25 beginning each July 1st thereafter until the positions receive 100% salary reimbursement. Allocation of such 26

positions will be based on comparative need considering capacity, staff/resident ratio, physical plant and program.

(d) \$1,000 per month for salaries for the remaining 4 5 probation officer positions engaged in basic services and new or expanded services. All such positions shall be 6 7 approved by the division in accordance with this Act and 8 division standards. For all such positions approved for 9 reimbursement before December 1, 2019, the counties shall 10 be reimbursed \$1,500 per month beginning July 1, 2021, and 11 an additional \$500 per month beginning each July 1st 12 thereafter until all such positions receive 100% salary 13 reimbursement.

14 (e) <u>(Blank)</u>. 100% of the travel expenses in accordance 15 with Division standards for all Probation positions 16 approved under paragraph (b) of subsection 4 of this 17 Section.

(f) If the amount of funds reimbursed to the county 18 under paragraphs (a) through (e) of subsection 4 of this 19 20 Section on an annual basis is less than the amount the county had received during the 12 month period immediately 21 22 prior to the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1985, 23 then the Division shall reimburse the amount of the difference to the county. The effect of paragraph (b) of 24 25 subsection 7 of this Section shall be considered in 26 implementing this supplemental reimbursement provision.

(5) The Division shall provide funds beginning on April 1,
 1987 for the counties to provide Individualized Services and
 Programs as provided in Section 16 of this Act.

4 (6) A Probation and Court Services Department in order to
5 be eligible for the reimbursement must submit to the Supreme
6 Court an application containing such information and in such a
7 form and by such dates as the Supreme Court may require.
8 Departments to be eligible for funding must satisfy the
9 following conditions:

10 (a) The Department shall have on file with the Supreme 11 Court an annual Probation plan for continuing, improved, 12 and new Probation and Court Services Programs approved by the Supreme Court or its designee. This plan shall indicate 13 the manner in which Probation and Court Services will be 14 delivered and improved, consistent with the minimum 15 16 standards and regulations for Probation and Court 17 Services, as established by the Supreme Court. In counties with more than one Probation and Court Services Department 18 19 eligible to receive funds, all Departments within that 20 county must submit plans which are approved by the Supreme Court. 21

(b) The annual probation plan shall seek to generally improve the quality of probation services and to reduce the commitment of adult offenders to the Department of Corrections and to reduce the commitment of juvenile offenders to the Department of Juvenile Justice and shall

1 require, when appropriate, coordination with the Department of Corrections, the Department of Juvenile 2 3 Justice, and the Department of Children and Family Services in the development and use of community resources, 4 information systems, case review and permanency planning 5 systems to avoid the duplication of services. 6

7 (c) The Department shall be in compliance with 8 standards developed by the Supreme Court for basic, new and 9 expanded services, training, personnel hiring and 10 promotion.

11 (d) The Department shall in its annual plan indicate 12 the manner in which it will support the rights of crime 13 victims and in which manner it will implement Article I, Section 8.1 of the Illinois Constitution and in what manner 14 15 it will coordinate crime victims' support services with 16 other criminal justice agencies within its jurisdiction, 17 including but not limited to, the State's Attorney, the Sheriff and any municipal police department. 18

19 (7) No statement shall be verified by the Supreme Court or 20 its designee or vouchered by the Comptroller unless each of the 21 following conditions have been met:

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(a) The probation officer is a full-time employee appointed by the Chief Judge to provide probation services.

(b) The probation officer, in order to be eligible for
State reimbursement, is receiving a salary of at least
\$17,000 per year.

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The probation officer 1 (C) is appointed or was 2 reappointed in accordance with minimum qualifications or 3 criteria established by the Supreme Court; however, all probation officers appointed prior to January 1, 1978, 4 5 shall be exempted from the minimum requirements 6 established by the Supreme Court. Payments shall be made to 7 counties employing these exempted probation officers as 8 long as they are employed in the position held on the 9 effective date of this amendatory Act of 1985. Promotions 10 shall be governed by minimum qualifications established by 11 the Supreme Court.

12 The Department has an established compensation (d) 13 schedule approved by the Supreme Court. The compensation 14 schedule shall include salary ranges with necessary 15 increments to compensate each employee. The increments 16 shall, within the salary ranges, be based on such factors 17 as bona fide occupational qualifications, performance, and length of service. Each position in the Department shall be 18 19 placed on the compensation schedule according to job duties 20 and responsibilities of such position. The policy and 21 procedures of the compensation schedule shall be made 22 available to each employee.

(8) In order to obtain full reimbursement of all approved costs, each Department must continue to employ at least the same number of probation officers and probation managers as were authorized for employment for the fiscal year which

includes January 1, 1985. This number shall be designated as 1 2 the base amount of the Department. No positions approved by the Division under paragraph (b) of subsection 4 will be included 3 in the base amount. In the event that the Department employs 4 5 fewer Probation officers and Probation managers than the base amount for a period of 90 days, funding received by the 6 Department under subsection 4 of this Section may be reduced on 7 8 a monthly basis by the amount of the current salaries of any 9 positions below the base amount.

10 (9) Before the 15th day of each month, the treasurer of any 11 county which has a Probation and Court Services Department, or 12 the treasurer of the most populous county, in the case of a Probation or Court Services Department funded by more than one 13 14 county, shall submit an itemized statement of all approved 15 costs incurred in the delivery of Basic Probation and Court 16 Services under this Act to the Supreme Court. The treasurer may 17 also submit an itemized statement of all approved costs incurred in the delivery of new and expanded Probation and 18 Court Services as well as Individualized Services and Programs. 19 20 The Supreme Court or its designee shall verify compliance with this Section and shall examine and audit the monthly statement 21 22 and, upon finding them to be correct, shall forward them to the 23 Comptroller for payment to the county treasurer. In the case of 24 payment to a treasurer of a county which is the most populous 25 of counties sharing the salary and expenses of a Probation and 26 Court Services Department, the treasurer shall divide the money

between the counties in a manner that reflects each county's share of the cost incurred by the Department.

3 (10) The county treasurer must certify that funds received under this Section shall be used solely to maintain and improve 4 5 Probation and Court Services. The county or circuit shall remain in compliance with all standards, policies 6 and 7 regulations established by the Supreme Court. If at any time 8 the Supreme Court determines that a county or circuit is not in 9 compliance, the Supreme Court shall immediately notify the 10 Chief Judge, county board chairman and the Director of Court 11 Services Chief Probation Officer. If after 90 days of written 12 notice the noncompliance still exists, the Supreme Court shall be required to reduce the amount of monthly reimbursement by 13 10%. An additional 10% reduction of monthly reimbursement shall 14 15 occur for each consecutive month of noncompliance. Except as 16 provided in subsection 5 of Section 15, funding to counties 17 shall commence on April 1, 1986. Funds received under this Act shall be used to provide for Probation Department expenses 18 including those required under Section 13 of this Act. The 19 20 Mandatory Arbitration Fund may be used to provide for Probation 21 Department expenses, including those required under Section 13 22 of this Act.

(11) The respective counties shall be responsible for
 capital and space costs, fringe benefits, clerical costs,
 equipment, telecommunications, postage, commodities and
 printing.

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1 (12) For purposes of this Act only, probation officers 2 shall be considered peace officers. In the exercise of their 3 official duties, probation officers, sheriffs, and police 4 officers may, anywhere within the State, arrest any probationer 5 who is in violation of any of the conditions of his or her 6 probation, conditional discharge, or supervision, and it shall 7 be the duty of the officer making the arrest to take the probationer before the Court having jurisdiction over the 8 probationer for further order. 9

10 (Source: P.A. 100-91, eff. 8-11-17.)