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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

65 ILCS 5/Art. 11 Div. 1.5 heading new
65 ILCS 5/11-1.5-5 new
65 ILCS 5/11-1.5-10 new
65 ILCS 5/11-1.5-15 new
65 ILCS 5/11-1.5-20 new
65 ILCS 5/11-1.5-25 new
65 ILCS 5/11-1.5-99 new

Creates the Peoria Co-Responder Pilot Program Division in the Illinois Municipal Code. Provides that the Peoria Police Department shall establish, subject to appropriation, a co-response unit no later than 6 months after the effective date of the amendatory Act, including the hiring of personnel as provided in the Division. Provides that the unit is responsible for conducting initial or follow-up visits for individuals who may benefit from mental or behavioral health services rather than a traditional law enforcement response. Provides that the unit shall utilize community resources, including a unit-integrated Social Services Unit (social workers integrated in juvenile and adult investigations), to connect individuals with appropriate services. Provides that the Department's Special Response Team officers will respond to resolve violent or armed emotionally distressed persons. Provides that the unit's 3 primary areas of focus shall be mental and behavioral health, substance use disorder services, and homelessness issues. Includes provisions relating to unit duties, social workers of the unit, and training. Defines terms. Repeals the division on January 1, 2029.

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STATE MANDATES
ACT MAY REQUIRE
REIMBURSEMENT

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning local government.

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

4 Section 5. The Illinois Municipal Code is amended by
5 adding Division 1.5 of Article 11 as follows:

6 (65 ILCS 5/Art. 11 Div. 1.5 heading new)

7 DIVISION 1.5.

8 PEORIA CO-RESPONDER PILOT PROGRAM

9 (65 ILCS 5/11-1.5-5 new)

10 Sec. 11-1.5-5. Definitions. As used in this Section:

11 "Department" means the Peoria Police Department.

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

14 "Unit" means a co-response unit created under this
15 Division.

16 (65 ILCS 5/11-1.5-10 new)

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

18 (a) The Department shall establish, subject to
19 appropriation, a co-response unit no later than 6 months after
20 the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 102nd General
21 Assembly, including the hiring of personnel as provided in

1 this Division.

2 (b) The unit is responsible for conducting initial or
3 follow-up visits for individuals who may benefit from mental
4 or behavioral health services rather than traditional law
5 enforcement response. The unit shall utilize community
6 resources, including a unit-integrated Social Services Unit
7 (social workers integrated in juvenile and adult
8 investigations), to connect individuals with appropriate
9 services, along with the Special Response Team officers in the
10 resolution of violent or armed emotionally distressed persons.

11 (c) The unit's 3 primary areas of focus shall be mental and
12 behavioral health, substance use disorder services, and
13 homelessness issues.

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

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

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

20 (2) Networking with area social service agencies to
21 develop a community-mutual resource system and wrap-around
22 services (a team-based, collaborative case management
23 approach) for victims in need of social service
24 assistance; and fostering relationships with community
25 organizations not limited to area hospitals, school

1 districts, juvenile justice system, and various community
2 groups.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 (L) Consult on all cases as needed by the
24 Department.

25 (M) Perform other functions as provided in Section
26 11-1.5-20 or otherwise needed by the Department.

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

3 (A) Review police reports to identify known
4 victims and contact them to offer direct and referred
5 services.

6 (B) Assist victims with filing police reports and
7 victim compensation forms.

8 (C) Provide safety planning services to victims.

9 (D) Provide crisis counseling services to victims
10 and their families.

11 (E) Conduct home visits with victims in
12 conjunction with police backup, when needed.

13 (F) Assist victims in obtaining orders of
14 protection. A social worker, in the performance of his
15 or her duties under this subparagraph, is an advocate,
16 as that term is defined in Section 112A-3 of the Code
17 of Criminal Procedure of 1963.

18 (G) Facilitate court advocacy services for
19 victims, including arranging for transportation to and
20 from court.

21 (H) Maintain confidential case files which include
22 social history, diagnosis, formulation of treatment,
23 and documentation of services.

24 (I) Perform miscellaneous personal advocacy tasks
25 for victims, as needed.

26 (J) Oversee activities to ensure those victims

1 with the most urgent needs are given the highest
2 priority for services.

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

5 (5) Adhering to and understand the applicable
6 policies, procedures, and orders of the Department.

7 (6) Attaining Department-established unit goals.

8 (7) Maintaining a positive relationship with
9 co-workers, as well as the investigators from area police
10 departments and facilitate the exchange of information and
11 resources pertaining to investigations.

12 (8) Keeping informed on crime trends within the City.

13 (9) Remaining obedient and responsive to all verbal
14 and written orders issued by superiors.

15 (10) Completing police reports and other required
16 documentation.

17 (11) Performing such other duties as may be required
18 by State law, city ordinance, and Department policy or as
19 may be assigned by a sworn supervisor.

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

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

22 (a) Unit social workers may be referred to as victim
23 service specialists. Social workers are responsible for
24 working as a team to provide trauma-informed crisis
25 intervention, case management, advocacy, and ongoing emotional

1 support to the victims of all crimes, with extra attention to
2 crimes that cause a high level of victim trauma.

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

5 (1) Working with domestic violence investigators.

6 (2) Assisting victims with finding safe housing,
7 transportation, and legal assistance.

8 (3) Providing other needed resources for the victim
9 and their families, including working with children who
10 witness and or experience domestic violence.

11 (4) Assisting victims and their children in setting up
12 counseling.

13 (5) Helping reduce victim's chance of reentry into the
14 violent situations.

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

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

19 (2) Providing services to families where there have
20 between domestics disturbances between the juveniles and
21 their parents.

22 (3) Providing resources for parents to help their
23 children who are struggling in school or need
24 transportation to school.

25 (4) Providing guidance and advice to the families of a
26 juvenile who has been arrested and what the next steps and

1 options are in the process.

2 (5) Assisting a juvenile with station adjustments and
3 creating a station adjustment program in the Department.

4 (6) Providing services to juvenile victims and
5 families where the Department of Children and Family
6 Services either did not get involved or did not provide
7 services.

8 (7) Assisting with overcoming feuds between groups of
9 juveniles.

10 (8) Assisting us in instances where the families are
11 not cooperative with police.

12 (9) Discussing with families and juveniles options and
13 solutions to prevent future arrest.

14 (10) Maintaining a list of families in need that the
15 unit or Department have had contact with for Department or
16 city special events.

17 (11) Helping facilitate or assist the Department in
18 community-oriented events, such as setting up an event
19 where officers or unit personnel read books with younger
20 children, talking about cyber crimes and social media, or
21 having an officer or unit personnel visit a school for
22 other activities.

23 (12) Helping reduce juvenile recidivism.

24 (65 ILCS 5/11-1.5-25 new)

25 Sec. 11-1.5-25. Training. All unit employees and the

1 Special Response Team shall be trained in crisis intervention
2 and integrating communications, assessment and tactics.
3 Integrating communications, assessment, and tactics training
4 shall be designed for situations involving persons who are
5 unarmed or are armed with weapons and who may be experiencing a
6 mental health or other crisis. The training shall incorporate
7 different skill sets into a unified training approach that
8 emphasizes scenario-based exercises, as well as lecture and
9 case study opportunities.

10 (65 ILCS 5/11-1.5-99 new)

11 Sec. 11-1.5-99. Repeal. This Division is repealed January
12 1, 2029.