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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

5 ILCS 140/7.5

30 ILCS 105/5.990 new

720 ILCS 5/9-1

from Ch. 38, par. 9-1

725 ILCS 5/113-3

from Ch. 38, par. 113-3

725 ILCS 5/119-1

725 ILCS 105/10

from Ch. 38, par. 208-10

Amends the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963. Restores the death penalty for the first degree murder of a peace officer killed while performing his or her official duties, to prevent the performance of his or her official duties, or in retaliation for performing his or her official duties, and the defendant knew or should have known that the murdered individual was a peace officer. Creates the Capital Crimes Litigation Act of 2023. Provides specified funding and resources for cases in which a sentence of death is an authorized disposition. Creates the Capital Litigation Trust Fund. Provides that all unobligated and unexpended moneys in the Death Penalty Abolition Fund are transferred into the Capital Litigation Trust Fund. Amends the State Appellate Defender Act. Provides that in cases in which a sentence of death is an authorized disposition, the State Appellate Defender shall provide trial counsel with legal assistance and the assistance of expert witnesses, investigators, and mitigation specialists from funds appropriated to the State Appellate Defender specifically for that purpose by the General Assembly. Provides that the Office of State Appellate Defender shall not be appointed to serve as trial counsel in capital cases. Amends the Freedom of Information Act, the State Finance Act, and the Criminal Code of 2012 to make conforming changes.

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1 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 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the  
5 Capital Crimes Litigation Act of 2023.

6 Section 5. Appointment of trial counsel in death penalty  
7 cases. If an indigent defendant is charged with an offense for  
8 which a sentence of death is authorized, and the State's  
9 Attorney has not, at or before arraignment, filed a  
10 certificate indicating he or she will not seek the death  
11 penalty or stated on the record in open court that the death  
12 penalty will not be sought, the trial court shall immediately  
13 appoint the Public Defender, or any other qualified attorney  
14 or attorneys as the Illinois Supreme Court shall by rule  
15 provide, to represent the defendant as trial counsel. If the  
16 Public Defender is appointed, he or she shall immediately  
17 assign the attorney or attorneys who are public defenders to  
18 represent the defendant. The counsel shall meet the  
19 qualifications as the Supreme Court shall by rule provide. At  
20 the request of court appointed counsel in a case in which the  
21 death penalty is sought, attorneys employed by the State  
22 Appellate Defender may enter an appearance for the limited  
23 purpose of assisting counsel appointed under this Section.

1 Section 10. Court appointed trial counsel; compensation  
2 and expenses.

3 (a) This Section applies only to compensation and expenses  
4 of trial counsel appointed by the court as set forth in Section  
5 5, other than public defenders, for the period after  
6 arraignment and so long as the State's Attorney has not, at any  
7 time, filed a certificate indicating he or she will not seek  
8 the death penalty or stated on the record in open court that  
9 the death penalty will not be sought.

10 (a-5) Litigation budget.

11 (1) In a case in which the State has filed a statement  
12 of intent to seek the death penalty, the court shall  
13 require appointed counsel, including those appointed in  
14 Cook County, after counsel has had adequate time to review  
15 the case and prior to engaging trial assistance, to submit  
16 a proposed estimated litigation budget for court approval,  
17 that will be subject to modification in light of facts and  
18 developments that emerge as the case proceeds. Case  
19 budgets should be submitted ex parte and filed and  
20 maintained under seal in order to protect the defendant's  
21 right to effective assistance of counsel, right not to  
22 incriminate him or herself and all applicable privileges.  
23 Case budgets shall be reviewed and approved by the judge  
24 assigned to try the case. As provided under subsection (c)  
25 of this Section, petitions for compensation shall be

1 reviewed by both the trial judge and the presiding judge  
2 or the presiding judge's designee.

3 (2) The litigation budget shall serve purposes  
4 comparable to those of private retainer agreements by  
5 confirming both the court's and the attorney's  
6 expectations regarding fees and expenses. Consideration  
7 should be given to employing an ex parte pretrial  
8 conference in order to facilitate reaching agreement on a  
9 litigation budget at the earliest opportunity.

10 (3) The budget shall be incorporated into a sealed  
11 initial pretrial order that reflects the understandings of  
12 the court and counsel regarding all matters affecting  
13 counsel compensation and reimbursement and payments for  
14 investigative, expert and other services, including but  
15 not limited to the following matters:

16 (A) the hourly rate at which counsel will be  
17 compensated;

18 (B) the hourly rate at which private  
19 investigators, other than investigators employed by  
20 the Office of the State Appellate Defender, will be  
21 compensated; and

22 (C) the best preliminary estimate that can be made  
23 of the cost of all services, including, but not  
24 limited to, counsel, expert, and investigative  
25 services, that are likely to be needed through the  
26 guilt and penalty phases of the trial. The court shall

1           have discretion to require that budgets be prepared  
2           for shorter intervals of time.

3           (4) Appointed counsel may obtain, subject to later  
4           review, investigative, expert or other services without  
5           prior authorization if necessary for an adequate defense.  
6           If the services are obtained, the presiding judge or the  
7           presiding judge's designee shall consider in an ex parte  
8           proceeding that timely procurement of necessary services  
9           could not await prior authorization. If an ex parte  
10          hearing is requested by defense counsel or deemed  
11          necessary by the trial judge prior to modifying a budget,  
12          the ex parte hearing shall be before the presiding judge  
13          or the presiding judge's designee. The judge may then  
14          authorize the services nunc pro tunc. If the presiding  
15          judge or the presiding judge's designee finds that the  
16          services were not reasonable, payment may be denied.

17          (5) An approved budget shall guide counsel's use of  
18          time and resources by indicating the services for which  
19          compensation is authorized. The case budget shall be  
20          re-evaluated when justified by changed or unexpected  
21          circumstances and shall be modified by the court when  
22          reasonable and necessary for an adequate defense. If an ex  
23          parte hearing is requested by defense counsel or deemed  
24          necessary by the trial judge prior to modifying a budget,  
25          the ex parte hearing shall be before the presiding judge  
26          or the presiding judge's designee.

1           (b) Appointed trial counsel shall be compensated upon  
2 presentment and certification by the circuit court of a claim  
3 for services detailing the date, activity, and time duration  
4 for which compensation is sought. Compensation for appointed  
5 trial counsel may be paid at a reasonable rate not to exceed  
6 \$125 per hour. The court shall not authorize payment of bills  
7 that are not properly itemized. A request for payment shall be  
8 presented under seal and reviewed ex parte with a court  
9 reporter present. Every January 20, the statutory rate  
10 prescribed in this subsection shall be automatically increased  
11 or decreased, as applicable, by a percentage equal to the  
12 percentage change in the consumer price index-u during the  
13 preceding 12-month calendar year. "Consumer price index-u"  
14 means the index published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of  
15 the United States Department of Labor that measures the  
16 average change in prices of goods and services purchased by  
17 all urban consumers, United States city average, all items,  
18 1982-84=100. The new rate resulting from each annual  
19 adjustment shall be determined by the State Treasurer and made  
20 available to the chief judge of each judicial circuit.

21           (c) Appointed trial counsel may also petition the court  
22 for certification of expenses for reasonable and necessary  
23 capital litigation expenses including, but not limited to,  
24 investigatory and other assistance, expert, forensic, and  
25 other witnesses, and mitigation specialists. Each provider of  
26 proposed services must specify the best preliminary estimate

1 that can be made in light of information received in the case  
2 at that point, and the provider must sign this estimate under  
3 the provisions of Section 1-109 of the Code of Civil  
4 Procedure. A provider of proposed services must also specify  
5 (1) his or her hourly rate; (2) the hourly rate of anyone else  
6 in his or her employ for whom reimbursement is sought; and (3)  
7 the hourly rate of any person or entity that may be  
8 subcontracted to perform these services. Counsel may not  
9 petition for certification of expenses that may have been  
10 provided or compensated by the State Appellate Defender under  
11 item (c)(5.1) of Section 10 of the State Appellate Defender  
12 Act. The petitions shall be filed under seal and considered ex  
13 parte but with a court reporter present for all ex parte  
14 conferences. If the requests are submitted after services have  
15 been rendered, the requests shall be supported by an invoice  
16 describing the services rendered, the dates the services were  
17 performed and the amount of time spent. These petitions shall  
18 be reviewed by both the trial judge and the presiding judge of  
19 the circuit court or the presiding judge's designee. The  
20 petitions and orders shall be kept under seal and shall be  
21 exempt from Freedom of Information requests until the  
22 conclusion of the trial, even if the prosecution chooses not  
23 to pursue the death penalty prior to trial or sentencing. If an  
24 ex parte hearing is requested by defense counsel or deemed  
25 necessary by the trial judge, the hearing shall be before the  
26 presiding judge or the presiding judge's designee.

1 (d) Appointed trial counsel shall petition the court for  
2 certification of compensation and expenses under this Section  
3 periodically during the course of counsel's representation.  
4 The petitions shall be supported by itemized bills showing the  
5 date, the amount of time spent, the work done and the total  
6 being charged for each entry. The court shall not authorize  
7 payment of bills that are not properly itemized. The court  
8 must certify reasonable and necessary expenses of the  
9 petitioner for travel and per diem (lodging, meals, and  
10 incidental expenses). These expenses must be paid at the rate  
11 as promulgated by the United States General Services  
12 Administration for these expenses for the date and location in  
13 which they were incurred, unless extraordinary reasons are  
14 shown for the difference. The petitions shall be filed under  
15 seal and considered ex parte but with a court reporter present  
16 for all ex parte conferences. The petitions shall be reviewed  
17 by both the trial judge and the presiding judge of the circuit  
18 court or the presiding judge's designee. If an ex parte  
19 hearing is requested by defense counsel or deemed necessary by  
20 the trial judge, the ex parte hearing shall be before the  
21 presiding judge or the presiding judge's designee. If the  
22 court determines that the compensation and expenses should be  
23 paid from the Capital Litigation Trust Fund, the court shall  
24 certify, on a form created by the State Treasurer, that all or  
25 a designated portion of the amount requested is reasonable,  
26 necessary, and appropriate for payment from the Trust Fund.



1 The form must also be signed by lead trial counsel under the  
2 provisions of Section 1-109 of the Code of Civil Procedure  
3 verifying that the amount requested is reasonable, necessary,  
4 and appropriate. Bills submitted for payment by any individual  
5 or entity seeking payment from the Capital Litigation Trust  
6 Fund must also be accompanied by a form created by the State  
7 Treasurer and signed by the individual or responsible agent of  
8 the entity under the provisions of Section 1-109 of the Code of  
9 Civil Procedure that the amount requested is accurate and  
10 truthful and reflects time spent or expenses incurred.  
11 Certification of compensation and expenses by a court in any  
12 county other than Cook County shall be delivered by the court  
13 to the State Treasurer and must be paid by the State Treasurer  
14 directly from the Capital Litigation Trust Fund if there are  
15 sufficient moneys in the Trust Fund to pay the compensation  
16 and expenses. If the State Treasurer finds within 14 days of  
17 his or her receipt of a certification that the compensation  
18 and expenses to be paid are unreasonable, unnecessary, or  
19 inappropriate, he or she may return the certification to the  
20 court setting forth in detail the objection or objections with  
21 a request for the court to review the objection or objections  
22 before resubmitting the certification. The State Treasurer  
23 must send the claimant a copy of the objection or objections.  
24 The State Treasurer may only seek a review of a specific  
25 objection once. The claimant has 7 days from his or her receipt  
26 of the objections to file a response with the court. With or

1 without further hearing, the court must promptly rule on the  
2 objections. The petitions and orders shall be kept under seal  
3 and shall be exempt from Freedom of Information requests until  
4 the conclusion of the trial and appeal of the case, even if the  
5 prosecution chooses not to pursue the death penalty prior to  
6 trial or sentencing. Certification of compensation and  
7 expenses by a court in Cook County shall be delivered by the  
8 court to the county treasurer and paid by the county treasurer  
9 from moneys granted to the county from the Capital Litigation  
10 Trust Fund.

11 Section 15. Capital Litigation Trust Fund.

12 (a) The Capital Litigation Trust Fund is created as a  
13 special fund in the State Treasury. The Trust Fund shall be  
14 administered by the State Treasurer to provide moneys for the  
15 appropriations to be made, grants to be awarded, and  
16 compensation and expenses to be paid under this Act. All  
17 interest earned from the investment or deposit of moneys  
18 accumulated in the Trust Fund shall, under Section 4.1 of the  
19 State Finance Act, be deposited into the Trust Fund.

20 (b) Moneys deposited into the Trust Fund shall not be  
21 considered general revenue of the State of Illinois.

22 (c) Moneys deposited into the Trust Fund shall be used  
23 exclusively for the purposes of providing funding for the  
24 prosecution and defense of capital cases and for providing  
25 funding for post-conviction proceedings in capital cases under

1 Article 122 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963 and in  
2 relation to petitions filed under Section 2-1401 of the Code  
3 of Civil Procedure in relation to capital cases as provided in  
4 this Act and shall not be appropriated, loaned, or in any  
5 manner transferred to the General Revenue Fund of the State of  
6 Illinois.

7 (d) Every fiscal year the State Treasurer shall transfer  
8 from the General Revenue Fund to the Capital Litigation Trust  
9 Fund an amount equal to the full amount of moneys appropriated  
10 by the General Assembly (both by original and supplemental  
11 appropriation), less any unexpended balance from the previous  
12 fiscal year, from the Capital Litigation Trust Fund for the  
13 specific purpose of making funding available for the  
14 prosecution and defense of capital cases and for the  
15 litigation expenses associated with post-conviction  
16 proceedings in capital cases under Article 122 of the Code of  
17 Criminal Procedure of 1963 and in relation to petitions filed  
18 under Section 2-1401 of the Code of Civil Procedure in  
19 relation to capital cases. The Public Defender and State's  
20 Attorney in Cook County, the State Appellate Defender, the  
21 Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor, and the  
22 Attorney General shall make annual requests for appropriations  
23 from the Trust Fund.

24 (1) The Public Defender in Cook County shall request  
25 appropriations to the State Treasurer for expenses  
26 incurred by the Public Defender and for funding for

1 private appointed defense counsel in Cook County.

2 (2) The State's Attorney in Cook County shall request  
3 an appropriation to the State Treasurer for expenses  
4 incurred by the State's Attorney.

5 (3) The State Appellate Defender shall request a  
6 direct appropriation from the Trust Fund for expenses  
7 incurred by the State Appellate Defender in providing  
8 assistance to trial attorneys under item (c)(5.1) of  
9 Section 10 of the State Appellate Defender Act and for  
10 expenses incurred by the State Appellate Defender in  
11 representing petitioners in capital cases in  
12 post-conviction proceedings under Article 122 of the Code  
13 of Criminal Procedure of 1963 and in relation to petitions  
14 filed under Section 2-1401 of the Code of Civil Procedure  
15 in relation to capital cases and for the representation of  
16 those petitioners by attorneys approved by or contracted  
17 with the State Appellate Defender and an appropriation to  
18 the State Treasurer for payments from the Trust Fund for  
19 the defense of cases in counties other than Cook County.

20 (4) The Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate  
21 Prosecutor shall request a direct appropriation from the  
22 Trust Fund to pay expenses incurred by the Office of the  
23 State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor and an  
24 appropriation to the State Treasurer for payments from the  
25 Trust Fund for expenses incurred by State's Attorneys in  
26 counties other than Cook County.

1           (5) The Attorney General shall request a direct  
2           appropriation from the Trust Fund to pay expenses incurred  
3           by the Attorney General in assisting the State's Attorneys  
4           in counties other than Cook County and to pay for expenses  
5           incurred by the Attorney General when the Attorney General  
6           is ordered by the presiding judge of the Criminal Division  
7           of the Circuit Court of Cook County to prosecute or  
8           supervise the prosecution of Cook County cases and for  
9           expenses incurred by the Attorney General in representing  
10          the State in post-conviction proceedings in capital cases  
11          under Article 122 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of  
12          1963 and in relation to petitions filed under Section  
13          2-1401 of the Code of Civil Procedure in relation to  
14          capital cases. The Public Defender and State's Attorney in  
15          Cook County, the State Appellate Defender, the State's  
16          Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor, and the Attorney General  
17          may each request supplemental appropriations from the  
18          Trust Fund during the fiscal year.

19          (e) Moneys in the Trust Fund shall be expended only as  
20 follows:

21           (1) To pay the State Treasurer's costs to administer  
22           the Trust Fund. The amount for this purpose may not exceed  
23           5% in any one fiscal year of the amount otherwise  
24           appropriated from the Trust Fund in the same fiscal year.

25           (2) To pay the capital litigation expenses of trial  
26           defense and post-conviction proceedings in capital cases

1 under Article 122 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of  
2 1963 and in relation to petitions filed under Section  
3 2-1401 of the Code of Civil Procedure in relation to  
4 capital cases including, but not limited to, DNA testing,  
5 including DNA testing under Section 116-3 of the Code of  
6 Criminal Procedure of 1963, analysis, and expert  
7 testimony, investigatory and other assistance, expert,  
8 forensic, and other witnesses, and mitigation specialists,  
9 and grants and aid provided to public defenders, appellate  
10 defenders, and any attorney approved by or contracted with  
11 the State Appellate Defender representing petitioners in  
12 post-conviction proceedings in capital cases under Article  
13 122 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963 and in  
14 relation to petitions filed under Section 2-1401 of the  
15 Code of Civil Procedure in relation to capital cases or  
16 assistance to attorneys who have been appointed by the  
17 court to represent defendants who are charged with capital  
18 crimes. Reasonable and necessary capital litigation  
19 expenses include travel and per diem (lodging, meals, and  
20 incidental expenses).

21 (3) To pay the compensation of trial attorneys, other  
22 than public defenders or appellate defenders, who have  
23 been appointed by the court to represent defendants who  
24 are charged with capital crimes or attorneys approved by  
25 or contracted with the State Appellate Defender to  
26 represent petitioners in post-conviction proceedings in

1 capital cases under Article 122 of the Code of Criminal  
2 Procedure of 1963 and in relation to petitions filed under  
3 Section 2-1401 of the Code of Civil Procedure in relation  
4 to capital cases.

5 (4) To provide State's Attorneys with funding for  
6 capital litigation expenses and for expenses of  
7 representing the State in post-conviction proceedings in  
8 capital cases under Article 122 of the Code of Criminal  
9 Procedure of 1963 and in relation to petitions filed under  
10 Section 2-1401 of the Code of Civil Procedure in relation  
11 to capital cases including, but not limited to,  
12 investigatory and other assistance and expert, forensic,  
13 and other witnesses necessary to prosecute capital cases.  
14 State's Attorneys in any county other than Cook County  
15 seeking funding for capital litigation expenses and for  
16 expenses of representing the State in post-conviction  
17 proceedings in capital cases under Article 122 of the Code  
18 of Criminal Procedure of 1963 and in relation to petitions  
19 filed under Section 2-1401 of the Code of Civil Procedure  
20 in relation to capital cases including, but not limited  
21 to, investigatory and other assistance and expert,  
22 forensic, or other witnesses under this Section may  
23 request that the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate  
24 Prosecutor or the Attorney General, as the case may be,  
25 certify the expenses as reasonable, necessary, and  
26 appropriate for payment from the Trust Fund, on a form

1 created by the State Treasurer. Upon certification of the  
2 expenses and delivery of the certification to the State  
3 Treasurer, the Treasurer shall pay the expenses directly  
4 from the Capital Litigation Trust Fund if there are  
5 sufficient moneys in the Trust Fund to pay the expenses.

6 (5) To provide financial support through the Attorney  
7 General under the Attorney General Act for the several  
8 county State's Attorneys outside of Cook County, but shall  
9 not be used to increase personnel for the Attorney  
10 General's Office, except when the Attorney General is  
11 ordered by the presiding judge of the Criminal Division of  
12 the Circuit Court of Cook County to prosecute or supervise  
13 the prosecution of Cook County cases.

14 (6) To provide financial support through the State's  
15 Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor under the State's Attorneys  
16 Appellate Prosecutor's Act for the several county State's  
17 Attorneys outside of Cook County, but shall not be used to  
18 increase personnel for the Office of the State's Attorneys  
19 Appellate Prosecutor.

20 (7) To provide financial support to the State  
21 Appellate Defender under the State Appellate Defender Act.  
22 Moneys expended from the Trust Fund shall be in addition  
23 to county funding for Public Defenders and State's  
24 Attorneys, and shall not be used to supplant or reduce  
25 ordinary and customary county funding.

26 (f) Moneys in the Trust Fund shall be appropriated to the



1 State Appellate Defender, the Office of the State's Attorneys  
2 Appellate Prosecutor, the Attorney General, and the State  
3 Treasurer. The State Appellate Defender shall receive an  
4 appropriation from the Trust Fund to enable it to provide  
5 assistance to appointed defense counsel and attorneys approved  
6 by or contracted with the State Appellate Defender to  
7 represent petitioners in post-conviction proceedings in  
8 capital cases under Article 122 of the Code of Criminal  
9 Procedure of 1963 and in relation to petitions filed under  
10 Section 2-1401 of the Code of Civil Procedure in relation to  
11 capital cases throughout the State and to Public Defenders in  
12 counties other than Cook. The Office of the State's Attorneys  
13 Appellate Prosecutor and the Attorney General shall receive  
14 appropriations from the Trust Fund to enable them to provide  
15 assistance to State's Attorneys in counties other than Cook  
16 County and when the Attorney General is ordered by the  
17 presiding judge of the Criminal Division of the Circuit Court  
18 of Cook County to prosecute or supervise the prosecution of  
19 Cook County cases. Moneys shall be appropriated to the State  
20 Treasurer to enable the Treasurer (i) to make grants to Cook  
21 County, (ii) to pay the expenses of Public Defenders, the  
22 State Appellate Defender, the Attorney General, the Office of  
23 the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor, and State's  
24 Attorneys in counties other than Cook County, (iii) to pay the  
25 expenses and compensation of appointed defense counsel and  
26 attorneys approved by or contracted with the State Appellate

1 Defender to represent petitioners in post-conviction  
2 proceedings in capital cases under Article 122 of the Code of  
3 Criminal Procedure of 1963 and in relation to petitions filed  
4 under Section 2-1401 of the Code of Civil Procedure in  
5 relation to capital cases in counties other than Cook County,  
6 and (iv) to pay the costs of administering the Trust Fund. All  
7 expenditures and grants made from the Trust Fund shall be  
8 subject to audit by the Auditor General.

9 (g) For Cook County, grants from the Trust Fund shall be  
10 made and administered as follows:

11 (1) For each State fiscal year, the State's Attorney  
12 and Public Defender must each make a separate application  
13 to the State Treasurer for capital litigation grants.

14 (2) The State Treasurer shall establish rules and  
15 procedures for grant applications. The rules shall require  
16 the Cook County Treasurer as the grant recipient to report  
17 on a periodic basis to the State Treasurer how much of the  
18 grant has been expended, how much of the grant is  
19 remaining, and the purposes for which the grant has been  
20 used. The rules may also require the Cook County Treasurer  
21 to certify on a periodic basis that expenditures of the  
22 funds have been made for expenses that are reasonable,  
23 necessary, and appropriate for payment from the Trust  
24 Fund.

25 (3) The State Treasurer shall make the grants to the  
26 Cook County Treasurer as soon as possible after the

1 beginning of the State fiscal year.

2 (4) The State's Attorney or Public Defender may apply  
3 for supplemental grants during the fiscal year.

4 (5) Grant moneys shall be paid to the Cook County  
5 Treasurer in block grants and held in separate accounts  
6 for the State's Attorney, the Public Defender, and court  
7 appointed defense counsel other than the Cook County  
8 Public Defender, respectively, for the designated fiscal  
9 year, and are not subject to county appropriation.

10 (6) Expenditure of grant moneys under this subsection  
11 (g) is subject to audit by the Auditor General.

12 (7) The Cook County Treasurer shall immediately make  
13 payment from the appropriate separate account in the  
14 county treasury for capital litigation expenses to the  
15 State's Attorney, Public Defender, or court appointed  
16 defense counsel other than the Public Defender, as the  
17 case may be, upon order of the State's Attorney, Public  
18 Defender or the court, respectively.

19 (h) If a defendant in a capital case in Cook County is  
20 represented by court appointed counsel other than the Cook  
21 County Public Defender, the appointed counsel shall petition  
22 the court for an order directing the Cook County Treasurer to  
23 pay the court appointed counsel's reasonable and necessary  
24 compensation and capital litigation expenses from grant moneys  
25 provided from the Trust Fund. The petitions shall be supported  
26 by itemized bills showing the date, the amount of time spent,

1 the work done and the total being charged for each entry. The  
2 court shall not authorize payment of bills that are not  
3 properly itemized. The petitions shall be filed under seal and  
4 considered ex parte but with a court reporter present for all  
5 ex parte conferences. The petitions shall be reviewed by both  
6 the trial judge and the presiding judge of the circuit court or  
7 the presiding judge's designee. The petitions and orders shall  
8 be kept under seal and shall be exempt from Freedom of  
9 Information requests until the conclusion of the trial and  
10 appeal of the case, even if the prosecution chooses not to  
11 pursue the death penalty prior to trial or sentencing. Orders  
12 denying petitions for compensation or expenses are final.  
13 Counsel may not petition for expenses that may have been  
14 provided or compensated by the State Appellate Defender under  
15 item (c)(5.1) of Section 10 of the State Appellate Defender  
16 Act.

17 (i) In counties other than Cook County, and when the  
18 Attorney General is ordered by the presiding judge of the  
19 Criminal Division of the Circuit Court of Cook County to  
20 prosecute or supervise the prosecution of Cook County cases,  
21 and excluding capital litigation expenses or services that may  
22 have been provided by the State Appellate Defender under item  
23 (c)(5.1) of Section 10 of the State Appellate Defender Act:

24 (1) Upon certification by the circuit court, on a form  
25 created by the State Treasurer, that all or a portion of  
26 the expenses are reasonable, necessary, and appropriate

1 for payment from the Trust Fund and the court's delivery  
2 of the certification to the Treasurer, the Treasurer shall  
3 pay the certified expenses of Public Defenders and the  
4 State Appellate Defender from the money appropriated to  
5 the Treasurer for capital litigation expenses of Public  
6 Defenders and post-conviction proceeding expenses in  
7 capital cases of the State Appellate Defender and expenses  
8 in relation to petitions filed under Section 2-1401 of the  
9 Code of Civil Procedure in relation to capital cases in  
10 any county other than Cook County, if there are sufficient  
11 moneys in the Trust Fund to pay the expenses.

12 (2) If a defendant in a capital case is represented by  
13 court appointed counsel other than the Public Defender,  
14 the appointed counsel shall petition the court to certify  
15 compensation and capital litigation expenses including,  
16 but not limited to, investigatory and other assistance,  
17 expert, forensic, and other witnesses, and mitigation  
18 specialists as reasonable, necessary, and appropriate for  
19 payment from the Trust Fund. If a petitioner in a capital  
20 case who has filed a petition for post-conviction relief  
21 under Article 122 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of  
22 1963 or a petition under Section 2-1401 of the Code of  
23 Civil Procedure in relation to capital cases is  
24 represented by an attorney approved by or contracted with  
25 the State Appellate Defender other than the State  
26 Appellate Defender, that attorney shall petition the court

1 to certify compensation and litigation expenses of  
2 post-conviction proceedings under Article 122 of the Code  
3 of Criminal Procedure of 1963 or in relation to petitions  
4 filed under Section 2-1401 of the Code of Civil Procedure  
5 in relation to capital cases. Upon certification on a form  
6 created by the State Treasurer of all or a portion of the  
7 compensation and expenses certified as reasonable,  
8 necessary, and appropriate for payment from the Trust Fund  
9 and the court's delivery of the certification to the  
10 Treasurer, the State Treasurer shall pay the certified  
11 compensation and expenses from the money appropriated to  
12 the Treasurer for that purpose, if there are sufficient  
13 moneys in the Trust Fund to make those payments.

14 (3) A petition for capital litigation expenses or  
15 post-conviction proceeding expenses or expenses incurred  
16 in filing a petition under Section 2-1401 of the Code of  
17 Civil Procedure in relation to capital cases under this  
18 subsection shall be considered under seal and reviewed ex  
19 parte with a court reporter present. Orders denying  
20 petitions for compensation or expenses are final.

21 (j) If the Trust Fund is discontinued or dissolved by an  
22 Act of the General Assembly or by operation of law, any balance  
23 remaining in the Trust Fund shall be returned to the General  
24 Revenue Fund after deduction of administrative costs, any  
25 other provision of this Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

1           Section 100. The Freedom of Information Act is amended by  
2 changing Section 7.5 as follows:

3           (5 ILCS 140/7.5)

4           Sec. 7.5. Statutory exemptions. To the extent provided for  
5 by the statutes referenced below, the following shall be  
6 exempt from inspection and copying:

7           (a) All information determined to be confidential  
8 under Section 4002 of the Technology Advancement and  
9 Development Act.

10           (b) Library circulation and order records identifying  
11 library users with specific materials under the Library  
12 Records Confidentiality Act.

13           (c) Applications, related documents, and medical  
14 records received by the Experimental Organ Transplantation  
15 Procedures Board and any and all documents or other  
16 records prepared by the Experimental Organ Transplantation  
17 Procedures Board or its staff relating to applications it  
18 has received.

19           (d) Information and records held by the Department of  
20 Public Health and its authorized representatives relating  
21 to known or suspected cases of sexually transmissible  
22 disease or any information the disclosure of which is  
23 restricted under the Illinois Sexually Transmissible  
24 Disease Control Act.

25           (e) Information the disclosure of which is exempted

1 under Section 30 of the Radon Industry Licensing Act.

2 (f) Firm performance evaluations under Section 55 of  
3 the Architectural, Engineering, and Land Surveying  
4 Qualifications Based Selection Act.

5 (g) Information the disclosure of which is restricted  
6 and exempted under Section 50 of the Illinois Prepaid  
7 Tuition Act.

8 (h) Information the disclosure of which is exempted  
9 under the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act, and  
10 records of any lawfully created State or local inspector  
11 general's office that would be exempt if created or  
12 obtained by an Executive Inspector General's office under  
13 that Act.

14 (i) Information contained in a local emergency energy  
15 plan submitted to a municipality in accordance with a  
16 local emergency energy plan ordinance that is adopted  
17 under Section 11-21.5-5 of the Illinois Municipal Code.

18 (j) Information and data concerning the distribution  
19 of surcharge moneys collected and remitted by carriers  
20 under the Emergency Telephone System Act.

21 (k) Law enforcement officer identification information  
22 or driver identification information compiled by a law  
23 enforcement agency or the Department of Transportation  
24 under Section 11-212 of the Illinois Vehicle Code.

25 (l) Records and information provided to a residential  
26 health care facility resident sexual assault and death



1 review team or the Executive Council under the Abuse  
2 Prevention Review Team Act.

3 (m) Information provided to the predatory lending  
4 database created pursuant to Article 3 of the Residential  
5 Real Property Disclosure Act, except to the extent  
6 authorized under that Article.

7 (n) Defense budgets and petitions for certification of  
8 compensation and expenses for court appointed trial  
9 counsel as provided under Sections 10 and 15 of the  
10 Capital Crimes Litigation Act of 2023. This subsection (n)  
11 shall apply until the conclusion of the trial of the case,  
12 even if the prosecution chooses not to pursue the death  
13 penalty prior to trial or sentencing.

14 (o) Information that is prohibited from being  
15 disclosed under Section 4 of the Illinois Health and  
16 Hazardous Substances Registry Act.

17 (p) Security portions of system safety program plans,  
18 investigation reports, surveys, schedules, lists, data, or  
19 information compiled, collected, or prepared by or for the  
20 Department of Transportation under Sections 2705-300 and  
21 2705-616 of the Department of Transportation Law of the  
22 Civil Administrative Code of Illinois, the Regional  
23 Transportation Authority under Section 2.11 of the  
24 Regional Transportation Authority Act, or the St. Clair  
25 County Transit District under the Bi-State Transit Safety  
26 Act.

1           (q) Information prohibited from being disclosed by the  
2 Personnel Record Review Act.

3           (r) Information prohibited from being disclosed by the  
4 Illinois School Student Records Act.

5           (s) Information the disclosure of which is restricted  
6 under Section 5-108 of the Public Utilities Act.

7           (t) All identified or deidentified health information  
8 in the form of health data or medical records contained  
9 in, stored in, submitted to, transferred by, or released  
10 from the Illinois Health Information Exchange, and  
11 identified or deidentified health information in the form  
12 of health data and medical records of the Illinois Health  
13 Information Exchange in the possession of the Illinois  
14 Health Information Exchange Office due to its  
15 administration of the Illinois Health Information  
16 Exchange. The terms "identified" and "deidentified" shall  
17 be given the same meaning as in the Health Insurance  
18 Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Public Law  
19 104-191, or any subsequent amendments thereto, and any  
20 regulations promulgated thereunder.

21           (u) Records and information provided to an independent  
22 team of experts under the Developmental Disability and  
23 Mental Health Safety Act (also known as Brian's Law).

24           (v) Names and information of people who have applied  
25 for or received Firearm Owner's Identification Cards under  
26 the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act or applied for

1 or received a concealed carry license under the Firearm  
2 Concealed Carry Act, unless otherwise authorized by the  
3 Firearm Concealed Carry Act; and databases under the  
4 Firearm Concealed Carry Act, records of the Concealed  
5 Carry Licensing Review Board under the Firearm Concealed  
6 Carry Act, and law enforcement agency objections under the  
7 Firearm Concealed Carry Act.

8 (v-5) Records of the Firearm Owner's Identification  
9 Card Review Board that are exempted from disclosure under  
10 Section 10 of the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act.

11 (w) Personally identifiable information which is  
12 exempted from disclosure under subsection (g) of Section  
13 19.1 of the Toll Highway Act.

14 (x) Information which is exempted from disclosure  
15 under Section 5-1014.3 of the Counties Code or Section  
16 8-11-21 of the Illinois Municipal Code.

17 (y) Confidential information under the Adult  
18 Protective Services Act and its predecessor enabling  
19 statute, the Elder Abuse and Neglect Act, including  
20 information about the identity and administrative finding  
21 against any caregiver of a verified and substantiated  
22 decision of abuse, neglect, or financial exploitation of  
23 an eligible adult maintained in the Registry established  
24 under Section 7.5 of the Adult Protective Services Act.

25 (z) Records and information provided to a fatality  
26 review team or the Illinois Fatality Review Team Advisory

1 Council under Section 15 of the Adult Protective Services  
2 Act.

3 (aa) Information which is exempted from disclosure  
4 under Section 2.37 of the Wildlife Code.

5 (bb) Information which is or was prohibited from  
6 disclosure by the Juvenile Court Act of 1987.

7 (cc) Recordings made under the Law Enforcement  
8 Officer-Worn Body Camera Act, except to the extent  
9 authorized under that Act.

10 (dd) Information that is prohibited from being  
11 disclosed under Section 45 of the Condominium and Common  
12 Interest Community Ombudsperson Act.

13 (ee) Information that is exempted from disclosure  
14 under Section 30.1 of the Pharmacy Practice Act.

15 (ff) Information that is exempted from disclosure  
16 under the Revised Uniform Unclaimed Property Act.

17 (gg) Information that is prohibited from being  
18 disclosed under Section 7-603.5 of the Illinois Vehicle  
19 Code.

20 (hh) Records that are exempt from disclosure under  
21 Section 1A-16.7 of the Election Code.

22 (ii) Information which is exempted from disclosure  
23 under Section 2505-800 of the Department of Revenue Law of  
24 the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois.

25 (jj) Information and reports that are required to be  
26 submitted to the Department of Labor by registering day

1 and temporary labor service agencies but are exempt from  
2 disclosure under subsection (a-1) of Section 45 of the Day  
3 and Temporary Labor Services Act.

4 (kk) Information prohibited from disclosure under the  
5 Seizure and Forfeiture Reporting Act.

6 (ll) Information the disclosure of which is restricted  
7 and exempted under Section 5-30.8 of the Illinois Public  
8 Aid Code.

9 (mm) Records that are exempt from disclosure under  
10 Section 4.2 of the Crime Victims Compensation Act.

11 (nn) Information that is exempt from disclosure under  
12 Section 70 of the Higher Education Student Assistance Act.

13 (oo) Communications, notes, records, and reports  
14 arising out of a peer support counseling session  
15 prohibited from disclosure under the First Responders  
16 Suicide Prevention Act.

17 (pp) Names and all identifying information relating to  
18 an employee of an emergency services provider or law  
19 enforcement agency under the First Responders Suicide  
20 Prevention Act.

21 (qq) Information and records held by the Department of  
22 Public Health and its authorized representatives collected  
23 under the Reproductive Health Act.

24 (rr) Information that is exempt from disclosure under  
25 the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act.

26 (ss) Data reported by an employer to the Department of

1 Human Rights pursuant to Section 2-108 of the Illinois  
2 Human Rights Act.

3 (tt) Recordings made under the Children's Advocacy  
4 Center Act, except to the extent authorized under that  
5 Act.

6 (uu) Information that is exempt from disclosure under  
7 Section 50 of the Sexual Assault Evidence Submission Act.

8 (vv) Information that is exempt from disclosure under  
9 subsections (f) and (j) of Section 5-36 of the Illinois  
10 Public Aid Code.

11 (ww) Information that is exempt from disclosure under  
12 Section 16.8 of the State Treasurer Act.

13 (xx) Information that is exempt from disclosure or  
14 information that shall not be made public under the  
15 Illinois Insurance Code.

16 (yy) Information prohibited from being disclosed under  
17 the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act.

18 (zz) Information prohibited from being disclosed under  
19 the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act.

20 (aaa) Information prohibited from being disclosed  
21 under Section 1-167 of the Illinois Pension Code.

22 (bbb) Information that is prohibited from disclosure  
23 by the Illinois Police Training Act and the Illinois State  
24 Police Act.

25 (ccc) Records exempt from disclosure under Section  
26 2605-304 of the Illinois State Police Law of the Civil

1 Administrative Code of Illinois.

2 (ddd) Information prohibited from being disclosed  
3 under Section 35 of the Address Confidentiality for  
4 Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Human  
5 Trafficking, or Stalking Act.

6 (eee) Information prohibited from being disclosed  
7 under subsection (b) of Section 75 of the Domestic  
8 Violence Fatality Review Act.

9 (fff) Images from cameras under the Expressway Camera  
10 Act. This subsection (fff) is inoperative on and after  
11 July 1, 2023.

12 (ggg) Information prohibited from disclosure under  
13 paragraph (3) of subsection (a) of Section 14 of the Nurse  
14 Agency Licensing Act.

15 (hhh) Information submitted to the Department of State  
16 Police in an affidavit or application for an assault  
17 weapon endorsement, assault weapon attachment endorsement,  
18 .50 caliber rifle endorsement, or .50 caliber cartridge  
19 endorsement under the Firearm Owners Identification Card  
20 Act.

21 (Source: P.A. 101-13, eff. 6-12-19; 101-27, eff. 6-25-19;  
22 101-81, eff. 7-12-19; 101-221, eff. 1-1-20; 101-236, eff.  
23 1-1-20; 101-375, eff. 8-16-19; 101-377, eff. 8-16-19; 101-452,  
24 eff. 1-1-20; 101-466, eff. 1-1-20; 101-600, eff. 12-6-19;  
25 101-620, eff. 12-20-19; 101-649, eff. 7-7-20; 101-652, eff.  
26 1-1-22; 101-656, eff. 3-23-21; 102-36, eff. 6-25-21; 102-237,

1 eff. 1-1-22; 102-292, eff. 1-1-22; 102-520, eff. 8-20-21;  
2 102-559, eff. 8-20-21; 102-813, eff. 5-13-22; 102-946, eff.  
3 7-1-22; 102-1042, eff. 6-3-22; 102-1116, eff. 1-10-23.)

4 Section 105. The State Finance Act is amended by adding  
5 Section 5.990 as follows:

6 (30 ILCS 105/5.990 new)

7 Sec. 5.990. The Capital Litigation Trust Fund.

8 Section 110. The Criminal Code of 2012 is amended by  
9 changing Section 9-1 as follows:

10 (720 ILCS 5/9-1) (from Ch. 38, par. 9-1)

11 Sec. 9-1. First degree murder; death penalties;  
12 exceptions; separate hearings; proof; findings; appellate  
13 procedures; reversals.

14 (a) A person who kills an individual without lawful  
15 justification commits first degree murder if, in performing  
16 the acts which cause the death:

17 (1) he or she either intends to kill or do great bodily  
18 harm to that individual or another, or knows that such  
19 acts will cause death to that individual or another; or

20 (2) he or she knows that such acts create a strong  
21 probability of death or great bodily harm to that  
22 individual or another; or



1           (3) he or she, acting alone or with one or more  
2 participants, commits or attempts to commit a forcible  
3 felony other than second degree murder, and in the course  
4 of or in furtherance of such crime or flight therefrom, he  
5 or she or another participant causes the death of a  
6 person.

7           (b) Aggravating Factors. A defendant who at the time of  
8 the commission of the offense has attained the age of 18 or  
9 more and who has been found guilty of first degree murder may  
10 be sentenced to death if:

11           (1) the murdered individual was a peace officer ~~or~~  
12 ~~fireman~~ killed in the course of performing his or her  
13 official duties, to prevent the performance of his or her  
14 official duties, or in retaliation for performing his or  
15 her official duties, and the defendant knew or should have  
16 known that the murdered individual was a peace officer ~~or~~  
17 ~~fireman~~; or

18           (1.5) the murdered individual was a firefighter killed  
19 in the course of performing his or her official duties, to  
20 prevent the performance of his or her official duties, or  
21 in retaliation for performing his or her official duties,  
22 and the defendant knew or should have known that the  
23 murdered individual was a firefighter; or

24           (2) the murdered individual was an employee of an  
25 institution or facility of the Department of Corrections,  
26 or any similar local correctional agency, killed in the

1 course of performing his or her official duties, to  
2 prevent the performance of his or her official duties, or  
3 in retaliation for performing his or her official duties,  
4 or the murdered individual was an inmate at such  
5 institution or facility and was killed on the grounds  
6 thereof, or the murdered individual was otherwise present  
7 in such institution or facility with the knowledge and  
8 approval of the chief administrative officer thereof; or

9 (3) the defendant has been convicted of murdering two  
10 or more individuals under subsection (a) of this Section  
11 or under any law of the United States or of any state which  
12 is substantially similar to subsection (a) of this Section  
13 regardless of whether the deaths occurred as the result of  
14 the same act or of several related or unrelated acts so  
15 long as the deaths were the result of either an intent to  
16 kill more than one person or of separate acts which the  
17 defendant knew would cause death or create a strong  
18 probability of death or great bodily harm to the murdered  
19 individual or another; or

20 (4) the murdered individual was killed as a result of  
21 the hijacking of an airplane, train, ship, bus, or other  
22 public conveyance; or

23 (5) the defendant committed the murder pursuant to a  
24 contract, agreement, or understanding by which he or she  
25 was to receive money or anything of value in return for  
26 committing the murder or procured another to commit the

1 murder for money or anything of value; or

2 (6) the murdered individual was killed in the course  
3 of another felony if:

4 (A) ~~(a)~~ the murdered individual:

5 (i) was actually killed by the defendant, or

6 (ii) received physical injuries personally  
7 inflicted by the defendant substantially  
8 contemporaneously with physical injuries caused by  
9 one or more persons for whose conduct the  
10 defendant is legally accountable under Section 5-2  
11 of this Code, and the physical injuries inflicted  
12 by either the defendant or the other person or  
13 persons for whose conduct he is legally  
14 accountable caused the death of the murdered  
15 individual; and

16 (B) ~~(b)~~ in performing the acts which caused the  
17 death of the murdered individual or which resulted in  
18 physical injuries personally inflicted by the  
19 defendant on the murdered individual under the  
20 circumstances of subdivision (ii) of subparagraph (A)  
21 ~~(a)~~ of paragraph (6) of subsection (b) of this  
22 Section, the defendant acted with the intent to kill  
23 the murdered individual or with the knowledge that his  
24 acts created a strong probability of death or great  
25 bodily harm to the murdered individual or another; and

26 (C) ~~(c)~~ the other felony was an inherently violent

1 crime or the attempt to commit an inherently violent  
2 crime. In this subparagraph (C) ~~(e)~~, "inherently  
3 violent crime" includes, but is not limited to, armed  
4 robbery, robbery, predatory criminal sexual assault of  
5 a child, aggravated criminal sexual assault,  
6 aggravated kidnapping, aggravated vehicular hijacking,  
7 aggravated arson, aggravated stalking, residential  
8 burglary, and home invasion; or

9 (7) the murdered individual was under 12 years of age  
10 and the death resulted from exceptionally brutal or  
11 heinous behavior indicative of wanton cruelty; or

12 (8) the defendant committed the murder with intent to  
13 prevent the murdered individual from testifying or  
14 participating in any criminal investigation or prosecution  
15 or giving material assistance to the State in any  
16 investigation or prosecution, either against the defendant  
17 or another; or the defendant committed the murder because  
18 the murdered individual was a witness in any prosecution  
19 or gave material assistance to the State in any  
20 investigation or prosecution, either against the defendant  
21 or another; for purposes of this paragraph (8),  
22 "participating in any criminal investigation or  
23 prosecution" is intended to include those appearing in the  
24 proceedings in any capacity such as trial judges,  
25 prosecutors, defense attorneys, investigators, witnesses,  
26 or jurors; or

1           (9) the defendant, while committing an offense  
2 punishable under Sections 401, 401.1, 401.2, 405, 405.2,  
3 407 or 407.1 or subsection (b) of Section 404 of the  
4 Illinois Controlled Substances Act, or while engaged in a  
5 conspiracy or solicitation to commit such offense,  
6 intentionally killed an individual or counseled,  
7 commanded, induced, procured or caused the intentional  
8 killing of the murdered individual; or

9           (10) the defendant was incarcerated in an institution  
10 or facility of the Department of Corrections at the time  
11 of the murder, and while committing an offense punishable  
12 as a felony under Illinois law, or while engaged in a  
13 conspiracy or solicitation to commit such offense,  
14 intentionally killed an individual or counseled,  
15 commanded, induced, procured or caused the intentional  
16 killing of the murdered individual; or

17           (11) the murder was committed in a cold, calculated  
18 and premeditated manner pursuant to a preconceived plan,  
19 scheme or design to take a human life by unlawful means,  
20 and the conduct of the defendant created a reasonable  
21 expectation that the death of a human being would result  
22 therefrom; or

23           (12) the murdered individual was an emergency medical  
24 technician - ambulance, emergency medical technician -  
25 intermediate, emergency medical technician - paramedic,  
26 ambulance driver, or other medical assistance or first aid

1 personnel, employed by a municipality or other  
2 governmental unit, killed in the course of performing his  
3 official duties, to prevent the performance of his  
4 official duties, or in retaliation for performing his  
5 official duties, and the defendant knew or should have  
6 known that the murdered individual was an emergency  
7 medical technician - ambulance, emergency medical  
8 technician - intermediate, emergency medical technician -  
9 paramedic, ambulance driver, or other medical assistance  
10 or first aid personnel; or

11 (13) the defendant was a principal administrator,  
12 organizer, or leader of a calculated criminal drug  
13 conspiracy consisting of a hierarchical position of  
14 authority superior to that of all other members of the  
15 conspiracy, and the defendant counseled, commanded,  
16 induced, procured, or caused the intentional killing of  
17 the murdered person; or

18 (14) the murder was intentional and involved the  
19 infliction of torture. For the purpose of this Section  
20 torture means the infliction of or subjection to extreme  
21 physical pain, motivated by an intent to increase or  
22 prolong the pain, suffering or agony of the victim; or

23 (15) the murder was committed as a result of the  
24 intentional discharge of a firearm by the defendant from a  
25 motor vehicle and the victim was not present within the  
26 motor vehicle; or

1           (16) the murdered individual was 60 years of age or  
2 older and the death resulted from exceptionally brutal or  
3 heinous behavior indicative of wanton cruelty; or

4           (17) the murdered individual was a person with a  
5 disability and the defendant knew or should have known  
6 that the murdered individual was a person with a  
7 disability. For purposes of this paragraph (17), "person  
8 with a disability" means a person who suffers from a  
9 permanent physical or mental impairment resulting from  
10 disease, an injury, a functional disorder, or a congenital  
11 condition that renders the person incapable of adequately  
12 providing for his or her own health or personal care; or

13           (18) the murder was committed by reason of any  
14 person's activity as a community policing volunteer or to  
15 prevent any person from engaging in activity as a  
16 community policing volunteer; or

17           (19) the murdered individual was subject to an order  
18 of protection and the murder was committed by a person  
19 against whom the same order of protection was issued under  
20 the Illinois Domestic Violence Act of 1986; or

21           (20) the murdered individual was known by the  
22 defendant to be a teacher or other person employed in any  
23 school and the teacher or other employee is upon the  
24 grounds of a school or grounds adjacent to a school, or is  
25 in any part of a building used for school purposes; or

26           (21) the murder was committed by the defendant in

1 connection with or as a result of the offense of terrorism  
2 as defined in Section 29D-14.9 of this Code; or

3 (22) the murdered individual was a member of a  
4 congregation engaged in prayer or other religious  
5 activities at a church, synagogue, mosque, or other  
6 building, structure, or place used for religious worship.

7 (b-5) Aggravating Factor; Natural Life Imprisonment. A  
8 defendant who has been found guilty of first degree murder and  
9 who at the time of the commission of the offense had attained  
10 the age of 18 years or more may be sentenced to natural life  
11 imprisonment if (i) the murdered individual was a physician,  
12 physician assistant, psychologist, nurse, or advanced practice  
13 registered nurse, (ii) the defendant knew or should have known  
14 that the murdered individual was a physician, physician  
15 assistant, psychologist, nurse, or advanced practice  
16 registered nurse, and (iii) the murdered individual was killed  
17 in the course of acting in his or her capacity as a physician,  
18 physician assistant, psychologist, nurse, or advanced practice  
19 registered nurse, or to prevent him or her from acting in that  
20 capacity, or in retaliation for his or her acting in that  
21 capacity.

22 (c) Consideration of factors in Aggravation and  
23 Mitigation.

24 The court shall consider, or shall instruct the jury to  
25 consider any aggravating and any mitigating factors which are  
26 relevant to the imposition of the death penalty. Aggravating



1 factors may include but need not be limited to those factors  
2 set forth in subsection (b). Mitigating factors may include  
3 but need not be limited to the following:

4 (1) the defendant has no significant history of prior  
5 criminal activity;

6 (2) the murder was committed while the defendant was  
7 under the influence of extreme mental or emotional  
8 disturbance, although not such as to constitute a defense  
9 to prosecution;

10 (3) the murdered individual was a participant in the  
11 defendant's homicidal conduct or consented to the  
12 homicidal act;

13 (4) the defendant acted under the compulsion of threat  
14 or menace of the imminent infliction of death or great  
15 bodily harm;

16 (5) the defendant was not personally present during  
17 commission of the act or acts causing death;

18 (6) the defendant's background includes a history of  
19 extreme emotional or physical abuse;

20 (7) the defendant suffers from a reduced mental  
21 capacity.

22 Provided, however, that an action that does not otherwise  
23 mitigate first degree murder cannot qualify as a mitigating  
24 factor for first degree murder because of the discovery,  
25 knowledge, or disclosure of the victim's sexual orientation as  
26 defined in Section 1-103 of the Illinois Human Rights Act.

1 (d) Separate sentencing hearing.

2 Where requested by the State, the court shall conduct a  
3 separate sentencing proceeding to determine the existence of  
4 factors set forth in subsection (b) and to consider any  
5 aggravating or mitigating factors as indicated in subsection  
6 (c). The proceeding shall be conducted:

7 (1) before the jury that determined the defendant's  
8 guilt; or

9 (2) before a jury impanelled for the purpose of the  
10 proceeding if:

11 A. the defendant was convicted upon a plea of  
12 guilty; or

13 B. the defendant was convicted after a trial  
14 before the court sitting without a jury; or

15 C. the court for good cause shown discharges the  
16 jury that determined the defendant's guilt; or

17 (3) before the court alone if the defendant waives a  
18 jury for the separate proceeding.

19 (e) Evidence and Argument.

20 During the proceeding any information relevant to any of  
21 the factors set forth in subsection (b) may be presented by  
22 either the State or the defendant under the rules governing  
23 the admission of evidence at criminal trials. Any information  
24 relevant to any additional aggravating factors or any  
25 mitigating factors indicated in subsection (c) may be  
26 presented by the State or defendant regardless of its

1 admissibility under the rules governing the admission of  
2 evidence at criminal trials. The State and the defendant shall  
3 be given fair opportunity to rebut any information received at  
4 the hearing.

5 (f) Proof.

6 The burden of proof of establishing the existence of any  
7 of the factors set forth in subsection (b) is on the State and  
8 shall not be satisfied unless established beyond a reasonable  
9 doubt.

10 (g) Procedure - Jury.

11 If at the separate sentencing proceeding the jury finds  
12 that none of the factors set forth in subsection (b) exists,  
13 the court shall sentence the defendant to a term of  
14 imprisonment under Chapter V of the Unified Code of  
15 Corrections. If there is a unanimous finding by the jury that  
16 one or more of the factors set forth in subsection (b) exist,  
17 the jury shall consider aggravating and mitigating factors as  
18 instructed by the court and shall determine whether the  
19 sentence of death shall be imposed. If the jury determines  
20 unanimously, after weighing the factors in aggravation and  
21 mitigation, that death is the appropriate sentence, the court  
22 shall sentence the defendant to death. If the court does not  
23 concur with the jury determination that death is the  
24 appropriate sentence, the court shall set forth reasons in  
25 writing including what facts or circumstances the court relied  
26 upon, along with any relevant documents, that compelled the

1 court to non-concur with the sentence. This document and any  
2 attachments shall be part of the record for appellate review.  
3 The court shall be bound by the jury's sentencing  
4 determination.

5 If after weighing the factors in aggravation and  
6 mitigation, one or more jurors determines that death is not  
7 the appropriate sentence, the court shall sentence the  
8 defendant to a term of imprisonment under Chapter V of the  
9 Unified Code of Corrections.

10 (h) Procedure - No Jury.

11 In a proceeding before the court alone, if the court finds  
12 that none of the factors found in subsection (b) exists, the  
13 court shall sentence the defendant to a term of imprisonment  
14 under Chapter V of the Unified Code of Corrections.

15 If the Court determines that one or more of the factors set  
16 forth in subsection (b) exists, the Court shall consider any  
17 aggravating and mitigating factors as indicated in subsection  
18 (c). If the Court determines, after weighing the factors in  
19 aggravation and mitigation, that death is the appropriate  
20 sentence, the Court shall sentence the defendant to death.

21 If the court finds that death is not the appropriate  
22 sentence, the court shall sentence the defendant to a term of  
23 imprisonment under Chapter V of the Unified Code of  
24 Corrections.

25 (h-5) Decertification as a capital case.

26 In a case in which the defendant has been found guilty of

1 first degree murder by a judge or jury, or a case on remand for  
2 resentencing, and the State seeks the death penalty as an  
3 appropriate sentence, on the court's own motion or the written  
4 motion of the defendant, the court may decertify the case as a  
5 death penalty case if the court finds that the only evidence  
6 supporting the defendant's conviction is the uncorroborated  
7 testimony of an informant witness, as defined in Section  
8 115-21 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963, concerning  
9 the confession or admission of the defendant or that the sole  
10 evidence against the defendant is a single eyewitness or  
11 single accomplice without any other corroborating evidence. If  
12 the court decertifies the case as a capital case under either  
13 of the grounds set forth above, the court shall issue a written  
14 finding. The State may pursue its right to appeal the  
15 decertification pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 604(a)(1). If  
16 the court does not decertify the case as a capital case, the  
17 matter shall proceed to the eligibility phase of the  
18 sentencing hearing.

19 (i) Appellate Procedure.

20 The conviction and sentence of death shall be subject to  
21 automatic review by the Supreme Court. Such review shall be in  
22 accordance with rules promulgated by the Supreme Court. The  
23 Illinois Supreme Court may overturn the death sentence, and  
24 order the imposition of imprisonment under Chapter V of the  
25 Unified Code of Corrections if the court finds that the death  
26 sentence is fundamentally unjust as applied to the particular

1 case. If the Illinois Supreme Court finds that the death  
2 sentence is fundamentally unjust as applied to the particular  
3 case, independent of any procedural grounds for relief, the  
4 Illinois Supreme Court shall issue a written opinion  
5 explaining this finding.

6 (j) Disposition of reversed death sentence.

7 In the event that the death penalty in this Act is held to  
8 be unconstitutional by the Supreme Court of the United States  
9 or of the State of Illinois, any person convicted of first  
10 degree murder shall be sentenced by the court to a term of  
11 imprisonment under Chapter V of the Unified Code of  
12 Corrections.

13 In the event that any death sentence pursuant to the  
14 sentencing provisions of this Section is declared  
15 unconstitutional by the Supreme Court of the United States or  
16 of the State of Illinois, the court having jurisdiction over a  
17 person previously sentenced to death shall cause the defendant  
18 to be brought before the court, and the court shall sentence  
19 the defendant to a term of imprisonment under Chapter V of the  
20 Unified Code of Corrections.

21 (k) Guidelines for seeking the death penalty.

22 The Attorney General and State's Attorneys Association  
23 shall consult on voluntary guidelines for procedures governing  
24 whether or not to seek the death penalty. The guidelines do not  
25 have the force of law and are only advisory in nature.

26 (Source: P.A. 100-460, eff. 1-1-18; 100-513, eff. 1-1-18;

1 100-863, eff. 8-14-18; 101-223, eff. 1-1-20; 101-652, eff.  
2 7-1-21.)

3 Section 115. The Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963 is  
4 amended by changing Sections 113-3 and 119-1 as follows:

5 (725 ILCS 5/113-3) (from Ch. 38, par. 113-3)

6 Sec. 113-3. (a) Every person charged with an offense shall  
7 be allowed counsel before pleading to the charge. If the  
8 defendant desires counsel and has been unable to obtain same  
9 before arraignment the court shall recess court or continue  
10 the cause for a reasonable time to permit defendant to obtain  
11 counsel and consult with him before pleading to the charge. If  
12 the accused is a dissolved corporation, and is not represented  
13 by counsel, the court may, in the interest of justice, appoint  
14 as counsel a licensed attorney of this State.

15 (b) In all cases, except where the penalty is a fine only,  
16 if the court determines that the defendant is indigent and  
17 desires counsel, the Public Defender shall be appointed as  
18 counsel. If there is no Public Defender in the county or if the  
19 defendant requests counsel other than the Public Defender and  
20 the court finds that the rights of the defendant will be  
21 prejudiced by the appointment of the Public Defender, the  
22 court shall appoint as counsel a licensed attorney at law of  
23 this State, except that in a county having a population of  
24 2,000,000 or more the Public Defender shall be appointed as

1 counsel in all misdemeanor cases where the defendant is  
2 indigent and desires counsel unless the case involves multiple  
3 defendants, in which case the court may appoint counsel other  
4 than the Public Defender for the additional defendants. The  
5 court shall require an affidavit signed by any defendant who  
6 requests court-appointed counsel. Such affidavit shall be in  
7 the form established by the Supreme Court containing  
8 sufficient information to ascertain the assets and liabilities  
9 of that defendant. The Court may direct the Clerk of the  
10 Circuit Court to assist the defendant in the completion of the  
11 affidavit. Any person who knowingly files such affidavit  
12 containing false information concerning his assets and  
13 liabilities shall be liable to the county where the case, in  
14 which such false affidavit is filed, is pending for the  
15 reasonable value of the services rendered by the public  
16 defender or other court-appointed counsel in the case to the  
17 extent that such services were unjustly or falsely procured.

18 (c) Upon the filing with the court of a verified statement  
19 of services rendered the court shall order the county  
20 treasurer of the county of trial to pay counsel other than the  
21 Public Defender a reasonable fee. The court shall consider all  
22 relevant circumstances, including but not limited to the time  
23 spent while court is in session, other time spent in  
24 representing the defendant, and expenses reasonably incurred  
25 by counsel. In counties with a population greater than  
26 2,000,000, the court shall order the county treasurer of the



1 county of trial to pay counsel other than the Public Defender a  
2 reasonable fee stated in the order and based upon a rate of  
3 compensation of not more than \$40 for each hour spent while  
4 court is in session and not more than \$30 for each hour  
5 otherwise spent representing a defendant, and such  
6 compensation shall not exceed \$150 for each defendant  
7 represented in misdemeanor cases and \$1250 in felony cases, in  
8 addition to expenses reasonably incurred as hereinafter in  
9 this Section provided, except that, in extraordinary  
10 circumstances, payment in excess of the limits herein stated  
11 may be made if the trial court certifies that such payment is  
12 necessary to provide fair compensation for protracted  
13 representation. A trial court may entertain the filing of this  
14 verified statement before the termination of the cause, and  
15 may order the provisional payment of sums during the pendency  
16 of the cause.

17 (d) In capital cases, in addition to counsel, if the court  
18 determines that the defendant is indigent the court may, upon  
19 the filing with the court of a verified statement of services  
20 rendered, order the county Treasurer of the county of trial to  
21 pay necessary expert witnesses for defendant reasonable  
22 compensation stated in the order not to exceed \$250 for each  
23 defendant.

24 (e) If the court in any county having a population greater  
25 than 2,000,000 determines that the defendant is indigent the  
26 court may, upon the filing with the court of a verified

1 statement of such expenses, order the county treasurer of the  
2 county of trial, in such counties having a population greater  
3 than 2,000,000 to pay the general expenses of the trial  
4 incurred by the defendant not to exceed \$50 for each  
5 defendant.

6 (f) The provisions of this Section relating to appointment  
7 of counsel, compensation of counsel, and payment of expenses  
8 in capital cases apply except when the compensation and  
9 expenses are being provided under the Capital Crimes  
10 Litigation Act of 2023.

11 (Source: P.A. 91-589, eff. 1-1-00.)

12 (725 ILCS 5/119-1)

13 Sec. 119-1. Death penalty abolished ; partially restored.

14 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this Section,  
15 beginning on July 1, 2011 (the effective date of Public Act  
16 96-1543) and Beginning on the effective date of this  
17 amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly, notwithstanding  
18 any other law to the contrary, the death penalty is abolished  
19 and a sentence to death may not be imposed.

20 (a-5) Notwithstanding subsection (a), a defendant who at  
21 the time of the commission of the offense has attained the age  
22 of 18 or more years and who has been found guilty of first  
23 degree murder under paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of Section  
24 9-1 of the Criminal Code of 2012 may be sentenced to death.

25 (b) All unobligated and unexpended moneys remaining in ~~the~~

1 ~~Capital Litigation Trust Fund on the effective date of this~~  
2 ~~amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly shall be~~  
3 ~~transferred into the Death Penalty Abolition Fund~~ on the  
4 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 103rd General  
5 Assembly shall be transferred into the Capital Litigation  
6 Trust Fund, together with any moneys the Death Penalty  
7 Abolition Fund may receive thereafter , ~~a special fund in the~~  
8 ~~State treasury, to be expended by the Illinois Criminal~~  
9 ~~Justice Information Authority, for services for families of~~  
10 ~~victims of homicide or murder and for training of law~~  
11 ~~enforcement personnel.~~

12 (Source: P.A. 96-1543, eff. 7-1-11.)

13 Section 120. The State Appellate Defender Act is amended  
14 by changing Section 10 as follows:

15 (725 ILCS 105/10) (from Ch. 38, par. 208-10)

16 Sec. 10. Powers and duties of State Appellate Defender.

17 (a) The State Appellate Defender shall represent indigent  
18 persons on appeal in criminal and delinquent minor  
19 proceedings, when appointed to do so by a court under a Supreme  
20 Court Rule or law of this State.

21 (b) The State Appellate Defender shall submit a budget for  
22 the approval of the State Appellate Defender Commission.

23 (c) The State Appellate Defender may:

24 (1) maintain a panel of private attorneys available to

1 serve as counsel on a case basis;

2 (2) establish programs, alone or in conjunction with  
3 law schools, for the purpose of utilizing volunteer law  
4 students as legal assistants;

5 (3) cooperate and consult with state agencies,  
6 professional associations, and other groups concerning the  
7 causes of criminal conduct, the rehabilitation and  
8 correction of persons charged with and convicted of crime,  
9 the administration of criminal justice, and, in counties  
10 of less than 1,000,000 population, study, design, develop  
11 and implement model systems for the delivery of trial  
12 level defender services, and make an annual report to the  
13 General Assembly;

14 (4) hire investigators to provide investigative  
15 services to appointed counsel and county public defenders;

16 (5) (blank);

17 (5.1) in cases in which a death sentence is an  
18 authorized disposition, provide trial counsel with legal  
19 assistance and the assistance of expert witnesses,  
20 investigators, and mitigation specialists from funds  
21 appropriated to the State Appellate Defender specifically  
22 for that purpose by the General Assembly. The Office of  
23 State Appellate Defender shall not be appointed to serve  
24 as trial counsel in capital cases;

25 (5.5) provide training to county public defenders;

26 (5.7) provide county public defenders with the

1 assistance of expert witnesses and investigators from  
2 funds appropriated to the State Appellate Defender  
3 specifically for that purpose by the General Assembly. The  
4 Office of the State Appellate Defender shall not be  
5 appointed to act as trial counsel;

6 (6) develop a Juvenile Defender Resource Center to:  
7 (i) study, design, develop, and implement model systems  
8 for the delivery of trial level defender services for  
9 juveniles in the justice system; (ii) in cases in which a  
10 sentence of incarceration or an adult sentence, or both,  
11 is an authorized disposition, provide trial counsel with  
12 legal advice and the assistance of expert witnesses and  
13 investigators from funds appropriated to the Office of the  
14 State Appellate Defender by the General Assembly  
15 specifically for that purpose; (iii) develop and provide  
16 training to public defenders on juvenile justice issues,  
17 utilizing resources including the State and local bar  
18 associations, the Illinois Public Defender Association,  
19 law schools, the Midwest Juvenile Defender Center, and pro  
20 bono efforts by law firms; and (iv) make an annual report  
21 to the General Assembly.

22 Investigators employed by the Capital Trial Assistance  
23 Unit and Capital Post Conviction Unit of the State Appellate  
24 Defender shall be authorized to inquire through the Illinois  
25 State Police or local law enforcement with the Law Enforcement  
26 Agencies Data System (LEADS) under Section 2605-375 of the

1 Department of State Police Law of the Civil Administrative  
2 Code of Illinois to ascertain whether their potential  
3 witnesses have a criminal background, including, but not  
4 limited to: (i) warrants; (ii) arrests; (iii) convictions; and  
5 (iv) officer safety information. This authorization applies  
6 only to information held on the State level and shall be used  
7 only to protect the personal safety of the investigators. Any  
8 information that is obtained through this inquiry may not be  
9 disclosed by the investigators.

10 (c-5) For each State fiscal year, the State Appellate  
11 Defender shall request a direct appropriation from the Capital  
12 Litigation Trust Fund for expenses incurred by the State  
13 Appellate Defender in providing assistance to trial attorneys  
14 under paragraph (5.1) of subsection (c) of this Section and  
15 for expenses incurred by the State Appellate Defender in  
16 representing petitioners in capital cases in post-conviction  
17 proceedings under Article 122 of the Code of Criminal  
18 Procedure of 1963 and in relation to petitions filed under  
19 Section 2-1401 of the Code of Civil Procedure in relation to  
20 capital cases and for the representation of those petitioners  
21 by attorneys approved by or contracted with the State  
22 Appellate Defender and an appropriation to the State Treasurer  
23 for payments from the Trust Fund for the defense of cases in  
24 counties other than Cook County. The State Appellate Defender  
25 may appear before the General Assembly at other times during  
26 the State's fiscal year to request supplemental appropriations

1 from the Trust Fund to the State Treasurer.

2 (d) (Blank).

3 (e) The requirement for reporting to the General Assembly  
4 shall be satisfied by filing copies of the report as required  
5 by Section 3.1 of the General Assembly Organization Act and  
6 filing such additional copies with the State Government Report  
7 Distribution Center for the General Assembly as is required  
8 under paragraph (t) of Section 7 of the State Library Act.

9 (Source: P.A. 99-78, eff. 7-20-15; 100-1148, eff. 12-10-18.)