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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 1265

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 1265 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

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

6 (705 ILCS 405/5-175 new)

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

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

16 (b) In this Section:

1           "Eligible offense" means an offense that if committed  
2           by an adult would be a violation of Section 9-1, 9-1.2,  
3           9-2, 9-2.1, 9-3, 9-3.2, 9-3.3, 11-1.20, 11-1.30, 11-1.40,  
4           11-1.50, 11-1.60, 12-13, 12-14, 12-14.1, 12-15, or 12-16 of  
5           the Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012.

6           "Juvenile" means a minor who was under the age of 18  
7           years of age at the time of the commission of the eligible  
8           offense.

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