



100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SB1675

Introduced 2/9/2017, by Sen. Bill Cunningham

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act
30 ILCS 105/5.878 new
110 ILCS 305/12.6 new

Creates the Impact of Crime-related Violence on Public Health Research Act. Requires the Board of Trustees of University of Illinois to establish an Impact of Crime-related Violence on Public Health Research Center to conduct basic, translational, and transformative research with a mission to provide the scientific evidence on which sound crime-related violence prevention policies and programs can be based. Provides that its research shall include, but is not limited to, the effectiveness of existing laws and policies intended to reduce crime-related violence, including, but not limited to, the criminal misuse of a weapon, and efforts to reduce and deter any criminally violent activities. Amends the State Finance Act to create the Impact of Crime-related Violence on Public Health Research Center Fund to support the research and activities of the Center. Provides that moneys from fees, gifts, grants, and donations received by the Center shall be deposited into the Impact of Crime-related Violence on Public Health Research Center Fund. Provides that the Center may also seek additional federal, State, and private funds. Amends the University of Illinois Act to require the University of Illinois to carry out the duties and responsibilities required of it under the Impact of Crime-related Violence on Public Health Research Act.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning violence research.

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 Impact
5 of Crime-related Violence on Public Health Research Act.

6 Section 5. Definition. As used in this Act, "Center" means
7 the Impact of Crime-related Violence on Public Health Research
8 Center.

9 Section 10. Impact of Crime-related Violence on Public
10 Health Research Center.

11 (a) An Impact of Crime-related Violence on Public Health
12 Research Center to study the impact of crime-related violence
13 on the public health of vulnerable and diverse populations in
14 the State is established to be administered by the University
15 of Illinois under the following principles:

16 (1) Interdisciplinary work of the Center shall address
17 the following:

18 (A) The nature of crime-related violence,
19 including individual and societal determinants of risk
20 for involvement in crime-related violence, whether as
21 a victim or a perpetrator.

22 (B) The individual, community, and societal public

1 health consequences and economic impact of
2 crime-related violence, including clinical care,
3 long-term care consequences for victims, health
4 services research, medical education, and
5 community-based studies, with the goal of improving
6 the health of the citizens of this State by the
7 significant reduction of crime-related violence.

8 (C) Prevention and treatment of crime-related
9 violence at the individual, community, and societal
10 levels.

11 (2) The Center shall conduct basic, translational, and
12 transformative research with a mission to provide the
13 scientific evidence on which sound crime-related violence
14 prevention policies and programs can be based. Its research
15 shall include, but is not limited to, the effectiveness of
16 existing laws and policies intended to reduce
17 crime-related violence, including, but not limited to, the
18 criminal misuse of a weapon, and efforts to reduce and
19 deter any criminally violent activities.

20 (3) The Center shall work on a continuing basis with
21 policymakers in the General Assembly and State agencies to
22 identify, implement, and evaluate innovative crime-related
23 violence prevention policies and programs.

24 (4) To help ensure a long-term and successful effort to
25 understand and prevent crime-related violence, the Center
26 shall recruit and provide specialized training

1 opportunities for new researchers, including experienced
2 investigators in related fields who are beginning work on
3 crime-related violence, young investigators who have
4 completed their education, postdoctoral scholars, doctoral
5 students, and undergraduates.

6 (5) The Center may enter into contracts or agreements
7 with any agency or department of this State or any other
8 state or states' agencies, private universities,
9 organizations, or institutions, or the United States to
10 carry out the provisions of this Act.

11 (6) The Center may receive and disburse funds in
12 accordance with the purposes stated in this Act.

13 (b) On or before December 31, 2019, and every 5 years
14 thereafter, the University of Illinois shall transmit
15 programmatic, as well as financial, reports to the General
16 Assembly and the Governor, including a report on the grants
17 made, pending grants, program accomplishments, and the future
18 direction of the Center.

19 (c) Subject to the conditions and requirements established
20 elsewhere in law, State agencies, including, but not limited
21 to, the Criminal Justice Information Authority, the Department
22 of State Police, the Department of Public Health, the
23 Department of Healthcare and Family Services, and the Secretary
24 of State, and local agencies, including, but not limited to,
25 sheriffs, state's attorneys, municipal police departments,
26 coroners, and medical examiners shall provide to the Center,

1 upon proper request, the data necessary for the Center to
2 conduct its research. The Center may share any information
3 collected by it with other state violence research centers
4 similar to it and any crime laboratory or violence research
5 center connected with a college or university.

6 (d) The Center and all recipients of grants supported by
7 the Center shall provide copies of their research publications
8 to the General Assembly and to agencies supplying data used in
9 the conduct of that research as soon as is practicable
10 following publication. The Center shall establish a website for
11 the purpose of electronically publishing the Center's research
12 publications, submitting data or other information, and
13 receiving suggestions for research requests.

14 (e) The Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois
15 shall establish and operate an Impact of Crime-related Violence
16 Research Center and administer the Center and grant program
17 consistent with the principles and goals of this Act.

18 Section 15. Fund; grants.

19 (a) An Impact of Crime-related Violence on Public Health
20 Research Center Fund is created as a special fund in the State
21 treasury and shall be used to support the research and
22 activities of the Impact of Crime-related Violence on Public
23 Health Research Center. Moneys from fees, gifts, grants, and
24 donations received by the Center shall also be deposited into
25 the Impact of Crime-related Violence on Public Health Research

1 Center Fund. The Center may also seek additional federal,
2 State, and private funds.

3 (b) As a supplement to its own research, the Impact of
4 Crime-related Violence on Public Health Research Center shall
5 administer a small grants program for research on crime-related
6 violence, funded through the Crime-related Violence on Public
7 Health Research Center Fund. All research funds shall be
8 awarded on the basis of scientific merit as determined by an
9 open, competitive peer review process that assures
10 objectivity, consistency, and high quality. All qualified
11 investigators, regardless of institutional affiliation, shall
12 have equal access and opportunity to compete for the funds. The
13 peer review process for the selection of grants awarded under
14 this program shall be modeled on the process used by the
15 National Institutes of Health in its grantmaking process.

16 Section 105. The State Finance Act is amended by adding
17 Section 5.878 as follows:

18 (30 ILCS 105/5.878 new)

19 Sec. 5.878. Impact of Crime-related Violence on Public
20 Health Research Center Fund.

21 Section 110. The University of Illinois Act is amended by
22 adding Section 12.6 as follows:

1 (110 ILCS 305/12.6 new)

2 Sec. 12.6. Impact of Crime-related Violence on Public
3 Health Research Center. The University of Illinois shall carry
4 out the duties and responsibilities required of it under the
5 Impact of Crime-related Violence on Public Health Research Act.