

1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 1281

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 1281, AS AMENDED,
3 by inserting after the enacting clause the following:

4 "Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Capital Punishment Reform Study Committee Act.

6 Section 2. Capital Punishment Reform Study Committee.

7 (a) There is created the Capital Punishment Reform Study
8 Committee, hereinafter referred to as the Committee,
9 consisting of 15 members appointed as follows:

10 (1) Three members appointed by the President of the
11 Senate;

12 (2) Two members appointed by the Minority Leader of
13 the Senate;

14 (3) Three members appointed by the Speaker of the
15 House of Representatives;

16 (4) Two members appointed by the Minority Leader of
17 the House of Representatives;

18 (5) One member appointed by the Attorney General;

19 (6) One member appointed by the Governor;

20 (7) One member appointed by the Cook County State's
21 Attorney;

22 (8) One member appointed by the Office of the Cook

1 County Public Defender; and

2 (9) One member appointed by the Office of the State
3 Appellate Defender.

4 (b) The Committee shall study the impact of the various
5 reforms to the capital punishment system enacted by the 93rd
6 General Assembly and annually report to the General Assembly
7 on the effects of these reforms. Each report shall include:

8 (1) The impact of the reforms on the issue of
9 uniformity and proportionality in the application of the
10 death penalty including, but not limited to, the tracking
11 of data related to whether the reforms have eliminated
12 the statistically significant differences in sentencing
13 related to the geographic location of the homicide and
14 the race of the victim found by the Governor's Commission
15 on Capital Punishment in its report issued on April 15,
16 2002.

17 (2) The implementation of training for police,
18 prosecutors, defense attorneys, and judges as recommended
19 by the Governor's Commission on Capital Punishment.

20 (3) The impact of the various reforms on the
21 quality of evidence used during capital prosecutions.

22 (4) The quality of representation provided by
23 defense counsel to defendants in capital prosecutions.

24 (5) The impact of the various reforms on the costs
25 associated with the administration of the Illinois
26 capital punishment system.

27 (c) The Committee shall hold hearings on a periodic
28 basis to receive testimony from the public regarding the
29 manner in which reforms have impacted the capital punishment
30 system.

31 (d) The Committee shall submit its final report to the
32 General Assembly no later than 5 years after the effective
33 date of this Act."