

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 5. The Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963 is  
5 amended by changing Section 106D-1 as follows:

6 (725 ILCS 5/106D-1)

7 Sec. 106D-1. Defendant's appearance by closed circuit  
8 television and video conference.

9 (a) Whenever the appearance in person in court, in either a  
10 civil or criminal proceeding, is required of anyone held in a  
11 place of custody or confinement operated by the State or any of  
12 its political subdivisions, including counties and  
13 municipalities, the chief judge of the circuit by rule may  
14 permit the personal appearance to be made by means of two-way  
15 audio-visual communication, including closed circuit  
16 television and computerized video conference, in the following  
17 proceedings:

18 (1) the initial appearance before a judge on a criminal  
19 complaint, at which bail will be set;

20 (2) the waiver of a preliminary hearing;

21 (3) the arraignment on an information or indictment at  
22 which a plea of not guilty will be entered;

23 (4) the presentation of a jury waiver;

1 (5) any status hearing;

2 (6) any hearing conducted under the Sexually Violent  
3 Persons Commitment Act at which no witness testimony will  
4 be taken; ~~and~~

5 (7) at any hearing conducted under the Sexually Violent  
6 Persons Commitment Act at which no witness testimony will  
7 be taken; and.

8 (8) at a sentencing hearing for a defendant who: (i) at  
9 the time of the proceeding was serving a sentence of  
10 imprisonment for another offense; and (ii) has agreed to  
11 enter a negotiated plea.

12 (b) The two-way audio-visual communication facilities must  
13 provide two-way audio-visual communication between the court  
14 and the place of custody or confinement, and must include a  
15 secure line over which the person in custody and his or her  
16 counsel, if any, may communicate.

17 (c) Nothing in this Section shall be construed to prohibit  
18 other court appearances through the use of two-way audio-visual  
19 communication, upon waiver of any right the person in custody  
20 or confinement may have to be present physically.

21 (d) Nothing in this Section shall be construed to establish  
22 a right of any person held in custody or confinement to appear  
23 in court through two-way audio-visual communication or to  
24 require that any governmental entity, or place of custody or  
25 confinement, provide two-way audio-visual communication.

26 (Source: P.A. 95-263, eff. 8-17-07.)