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 State Appellate Defender Act is amended by

5   adding Sections 12, 13, and 14 as follows:

6   (725 ILCS 105/12 new)

7   Sec. 12. Public Defender Bail Reform Grant Program.

8   (a) There is hereby created a Public Defender Bail Reform

9   Grant Program. The purpose of this grant program is to assist

10   county public defenders in implementing Section 109-1 of the

11   Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963 which requires counsel at

12   bail hearings.

13   (b) The Public Defender Bail Reform Grant Program is to be

14   administered by the State Appellate Defender, under the

15   direction of the Commission. The State Appellate Defender is

16   also required to seek recommendations on administering this

17   grant program from the Illinois Supreme Court Pretrial

18   Commission on Pretrial Practices.

19   (c) The State Appellate Defender shall request funds for

20   this grant program within its annual appropriation. The State

21   Appellate Defender may also seek contributions and grants to

22   supplement all State funds appropriated for this grant program.

1   (725 ILCS 105/13 new)

2   Sec. 13. Grant program; eligibility.

3   (a) As of January 1, 2019, any county that does not employ

4   a full-time public defender is eligible to apply for a grant

5   under the Public Defender Bail Reform Grant Program. The

6   Commission may also establish a county population threshold for

7   grant eligibility.

8   (b) The application for the grant shall be made by the

9   Chief Judge of the Circuit in which the county is located. The

10   Chief Judge shall administer the grant. Any group of eligible

11   counties within the same Circuit Court may jointly apply for a

12   grant under the Public Defender Bail Reform Grant Program.

13   (725 ILCS 105/14 new)

14   Sec. 14. Public Defender Bail Reform Grant Program

15   Administration.

16   (a) The State Appellate Defender shall have the authority

17   to adopt rules for the administration of the Public Defender

18   Bail Reform Grant Program. The rules shall be in effect after

19   the rules are approved by the Supreme Court.

20   (b) The State Appellate Defender shall publish grant

21   guidelines, rules, and grant application forms on the agency's

22   website.

23   (c) The State Appellate Defender may work with any law

24   school to establish internship programs for the training of law

25   students in representing individuals in bail hearings. The

1   State Appellate Defender may also seek permission from the
2   Supreme Court to utilize law students with a provisional
3   license to practice law in representing individuals in eligible
4   counties.

5   Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
6   becoming law.