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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

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Amends the Reimagine Public Safety Act. Provides for the Community Organization Capacity Building Program. Provides that the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority and the Illinois Department of Human Services Office of Firearm Violence Prevention shall allocate \$10,000,000 for community organization capacity building. Provides for the issuance of \$150,000 to \$500,000 grants in specified reimbursable service categories to small, emerging community-based organizations in Reimagine Public Safety Act communities. Provides for the issuance of \$300,000 to \$500,000 grants in specified reimbursable service categories for existing Reimagine Public Safety Act grantees to build other smaller organizations' capacities. Provides for requirements to receive grants and permits the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority, with the Illinois Department of Human Services Office of Firearm Violence Prevention, to create other criteria to award grants. Provides for the Community Violence Initiative Workforce Development Training Centers Program. Provides that the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority and the Illinois Department of Human Services Office of Firearm Violence Prevention shall allocate \$5,000,000 for Community Violence Initiative organizations. Provides for the issuance of \$2,500,000 grants in specified reimbursable service categories for 2 Community Violence Initiative workforce training organizations. Provides that the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority, with the Illinois Department of Human Services Office of Firearm Violence Prevention, shall create criteria to award grants. Provides for 4 prospective three-month grant payments based on specified criteria for any community-based organization funded by Restore, Reinvest, and Renew programs at the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority, Climate and Equitable Jobs Act programs at the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, or Reimagine Public Safety Act programs at the Illinois Department of Human Services. Provides for peer assessment and evaluation for all grantees under the Reimagine Public Safety Act program. Defines terms. Amends the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Act and authorizes the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority to act according to the powers and duties granted it in the Reimagine Public Safety Act. States findings and purpose.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning safety.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. The General Assembly finds that:

5 (1) Communities most impacted by gun violence also
6 lack well-resourced, community-based organizations to
7 address the public health challenges associated with
8 chronic concentrated gun violence.

9 (2) Residents impacted by gun violence sustain
10 significant barriers that impede their ability to secure
11 and maintain permanent employment in the mainstream
12 workforce.

13 (3) A Community Violence Intervention Workforce
14 Development Program must be created to build financial
15 stability, better the quality of life, and counteract the
16 effects of gun violence on residents, their families, and
17 their communities.

18 (4) Community Violence Initiative Workforce
19 Development Training Centers are necessary to train and
20 educate Community Violence Initiative graduates and equip
21 alumni with the tools, resources, and skillsets needed to
22 sustain permanent employment.

23 Section 5. The Illinois Criminal Justice Information Act

1 is amended by changing Section 7 as follows:

2 (20 ILCS 3930/7) (from Ch. 38, par. 210-7)

3 Sec. 7. Powers and duties. The Authority shall have the
4 following powers, duties, and responsibilities:

5 (a) To develop and operate comprehensive information
6 systems for the improvement and coordination of all
7 aspects of law enforcement, prosecution, and corrections;

8 (b) To define, develop, evaluate, and correlate State
9 and local programs and projects associated with the
10 improvement of law enforcement and the administration of
11 criminal justice;

12 (c) To act as a central repository and clearing house
13 for federal, state, and local research studies, plans,
14 projects, proposals, and other information relating to all
15 aspects of criminal justice system improvement and to
16 encourage educational programs for citizen support of
17 State and local efforts to make such improvements;

18 (d) To undertake research studies to aid in
19 accomplishing its purposes;

20 (e) To monitor the operation of existing criminal
21 justice information systems in order to protect the
22 constitutional rights and privacy of individuals about
23 whom criminal history record information has been
24 collected;

25 (f) To provide an effective administrative forum for

1 the protection of the rights of individuals concerning
2 criminal history record information;

3 (g) To issue regulations, guidelines, and procedures
4 which ensure the privacy and security of criminal history
5 record information consistent with State and federal laws;

6 (h) To act as the sole administrative appeal body in
7 the State of Illinois to conduct hearings and make final
8 determinations concerning individual challenges to the
9 completeness and accuracy of criminal history record
10 information;

11 (i) To act as the sole, official, criminal justice
12 body in the State of Illinois to conduct annual and
13 periodic audits of the procedures, policies, and practices
14 of the State central repositories for criminal history
15 record information to verify compliance with federal and
16 state laws and regulations governing such information;

17 (j) To advise the Authority's Statistical Analysis
18 Center;

19 (k) To apply for, receive, establish priorities for,
20 allocate, disburse, and spend grants of funds that are
21 made available by and received on or after January 1, 1983
22 from private sources or from the United States pursuant to
23 the federal Crime Control Act of 1973, as amended, and
24 similar federal legislation, and to enter into agreements
25 with the United States government to further the purposes
26 of this Act, or as may be required as a condition of

1 obtaining federal funds;

2 (l) To receive, expend, and account for such funds of
3 the State of Illinois as may be made available to further
4 the purposes of this Act;

5 (m) To enter into contracts and to cooperate with
6 units of general local government or combinations of such
7 units, State agencies, and criminal justice system
8 agencies of other states for the purpose of carrying out
9 the duties of the Authority imposed by this Act or by the
10 federal Crime Control Act of 1973, as amended;

11 (n) To enter into contracts and cooperate with units
12 of general local government outside of Illinois, other
13 states' agencies, and private organizations outside of
14 Illinois to provide computer software or design that has
15 been developed for the Illinois criminal justice system,
16 or to participate in the cooperative development or design
17 of new software or systems to be used by the Illinois
18 criminal justice system;

19 (o) To establish general policies concerning criminal
20 justice information systems and to promulgate such rules,
21 regulations, and procedures as are necessary to the
22 operation of the Authority and to the uniform
23 consideration of appeals and audits;

24 (p) To advise and to make recommendations to the
25 Governor and the General Assembly on policies relating to
26 criminal justice information systems;

1 (q) To direct all other agencies under the
2 jurisdiction of the Governor to provide whatever
3 assistance and information the Authority may lawfully
4 require to carry out its functions;

5 (r) To exercise any other powers that are reasonable
6 and necessary to fulfill the responsibilities of the
7 Authority under this Act and to comply with the
8 requirements of applicable federal law or regulation;

9 (s) To exercise the rights, powers, and duties which
10 have been vested in the Authority by the Illinois Uniform
11 Conviction Information Act;

12 (t) (Blank);

13 (u) To exercise the rights, powers, and duties vested
14 in the Authority by the Illinois Public Safety Agency
15 Network Act;

16 (v) To provide technical assistance in the form of
17 training to local governmental entities within Illinois
18 requesting such assistance for the purposes of procuring
19 grants for gang intervention and gang prevention programs
20 or other criminal justice programs from the United States
21 Department of Justice;

22 (w) To conduct strategic planning and provide
23 technical assistance to implement comprehensive trauma
24 recovery services for violent crime victims in underserved
25 communities with high levels of violent crime, with the
26 goal of providing a safe, community-based, culturally

1 competent environment in which to access services
2 necessary to facilitate recovery from the effects of
3 chronic and repeat exposure to trauma. Services may
4 include, but are not limited to, behavioral health
5 treatment, financial recovery, family support and
6 relocation assistance, and support in navigating the legal
7 system; and

8 (x) To coordinate statewide violence prevention
9 efforts and assist in the implementation of trauma
10 recovery centers and analyze trauma recovery services. The
11 Authority shall develop, publish, and facilitate the
12 implementation of a 4-year statewide violence prevention
13 plan, which shall incorporate public health, public
14 safety, victim services, and trauma recovery centers and
15 services.

16 (y) To exercise the rights, powers, and duties vested
17 in the Authority by the Reimagine Public Safety Act.

18 The requirement for reporting to the General Assembly
19 shall be satisfied by filing copies of the report as required
20 by Section 3.1 of the General Assembly Organization Act, and
21 filing such additional copies with the State Government Report
22 Distribution Center for the General Assembly as is required
23 under paragraph (t) of Section 7 of the State Library Act.

24 (Source: P.A. 99-938, eff. 1-1-18; 100-373, eff. 1-1-18;
25 100-575, eff. 1-8-18; 100-621, eff. 7-20-18; 100-1148, eff.
26 12-10-18.)

1 Section 10. The Reimagine Public Safety Act is amended by
2 adding Sections 35-57.1, 35-57.2, 35-57.3, and 35-57.4 as
3 follows:

4 (430 ILCS 69/35-57.1 new)

5 Sec. 35-57.1. Community Organization Capacity Building
6 Program.

7 (a) As used in this Section:

8 "Capacity building" means efforts by either an
9 organization itself or a supporting organization to increase
10 the likelihood that a community-based organization can
11 effectively receive public funding, manage public grants, and
12 improve programs and service delivery with such funding.

13 "Community Violence Intervention Workforce Curriculum"
14 means educating community violence intervention graduates as
15 they transition into sustainable, promising careers. These
16 curricula have both universal and adaptable aspects that any
17 community impacted by violence can use. The areas integrated
18 in the curriculum are employees' rights, entrepreneurship,
19 social and emotional learning, behavioral development, skill
20 development, and career readiness. Within employees' rights
21 and entrepreneurship, graduates and alumni will understand
22 their rights as employees and learn how to establish their own
23 business in hopes of creating multiple streams of income.
24 Social and emotional learning behavioral development is

1 critical to establish emotional regulations and create the
2 "growth mindset" needed to navigate the workplace environment
3 while integrating their own lived experience. Skill
4 development teaches graduates industry specific knowledge and
5 skills needed within their chosen professions. Career
6 readiness helps graduates manage day-to-day tasks and gain the
7 financial literacy necessary to sustain annual salaries and
8 best use wraparound services from Illinois Department of Human
9 Services.

10 "Community Violence Intervention Workforce Development"
11 means a program composed of 3 pillars: Community Violence
12 Initiative Workforce Development Curriculum, Community
13 Violence Initiative Workforce Readiness, and a Community
14 Violence Initiative Workforce Pipeline.

15 "Community Violence Intervention Workforce Pipeline" means
16 a workforce pipeline that focuses on 2 specific areas: job
17 placement after completion of a Community Violence
18 Intervention Workforce Development Program and job retention
19 with key indicators showing progress with program evaluation
20 in the first 12 months. Within job placement, 250 participants
21 in the Community Violence Initiative Workforce Development
22 Training Centers within Chicago with 70% placement rate of
23 participants after completion of the program, and 40%
24 retention rate of participants within the first 3 months of
25 employment. This process will incorporate feedback from
26 funding providers, employers, and Illinois General Assembly

1 members. Job coaching and continued education for employers
2 will be provided in collaboration with the Community Violence
3 Initiative workforce development organizations.

4 "Community Violence Intervention Workforce Readiness"
5 means addressing the professional hard and soft skills,
6 competency-based training, and life coaching needed to be
7 successful in onboarding and maintaining progressive
8 employment throughout their careers. The following areas are
9 integrated into any Community Violence Initiative Workforce
10 Development Program: effective interpersonal communication,
11 attendance and time management, and workplace professionalism.
12 Within effective interpersonal communication, graduates and
13 alumni exhibit skills such as self-advocacy and learning
14 effective strategies to communicate with supervisors and
15 coworkers at any organization. Attendance and time management
16 are also important with teaching these skills, in partnership
17 with the Illinois Department of Human Services, the Illinois
18 Criminal Justice Information Authority, and the Department of
19 Commerce and Economic Opportunity, to help combat barriers
20 that will prevent successful job retention. Lastly, workplace
21 professionalism needs to be foundational when guiding
22 graduates on how to present themselves in the mainstream
23 workforce.

24 "Small emerging community-based organization" means a
25 community-based organization with less than \$1,500,000 in
26 annual revenue that has received public grants for less than

1 three years prior to applying for a capacity building grant.

2 (b) The Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority
3 and the Department of Human Services Office of Firearm
4 Violence Prevention shall allocate \$10,000,000 for community
5 organization capacity building as established in this Section.

6 (c) In consultation with the Department of Human Services
7 Office of Firearm Violence Prevention, the Illinois Criminal
8 Justice Information Authority shall issue grants to
9 organizations in the Reimagine Public Safety Act communities
10 and existing Reimagine Public Safety Act grantees that can
11 provide technical assistance services to small, emerging
12 organizations with strong credible messengers to build an
13 infrastructure to support programmatic funding under the Act.

14 (d) Grants for small, emerging community-based
15 organizations shall have the following provisions:

16 (1) Grant applications for small, emerging
17 community-based organizations shall be for \$150,000 to
18 \$500,000 and include the following reimbursable service
19 categories:

20 (A) administrative and finance personnel to apply
21 for and manage grants;

22 (B) program expenses related to violence
23 prevention services;

24 (C) reserve funds to finance cashflow while
25 waiting for public reimbursement; and

26 (D) consulting services that will increase the

1 financial stability or programmatic integrity of the
2 emerging organization.

3 (2) Each grant for a small emerging community-based
4 organization shall request the small emerging
5 community-based organization to use 50% or more of the
6 grant for program-related services in violence prevention
7 unless the grantee identifies other pressing needs.

8 (3) Provided they meet all grant requirements, small
9 emerging community-based organizations shall receive up to
10 2 renewals for a total of 3 years of funding to build their
11 organizational capacity under this grant program.

12 (e) Grants for existing Reimagine Public Safety Act
13 grantees shall have the following provisions:

14 (1) Grant applications for existing Reimagine Public
15 Safety Act grantees to build other smaller organizations'
16 capacities shall be for \$300,000 to \$500,000 and include
17 the following reimbursable service categories:

18 (A) training services for small emerging
19 community-based organizational capacity building;

20 (B) program-related expenses for violence
21 prevention services provided by the small, emerging
22 community-based organizations;

23 (C) expenses related to financial management of
24 small, emerging community-based organizations as a
25 fiscal agent or sponsor;

26 (D) reserve funds to finance cashflow while

1 waiting for public reimbursement; and

2 (E) consulting services that will increase the
3 financial stability or programmatic integrity of small
4 emerging community-based organizations.

5 (2) To receive a grant under the Community
6 Organization Capacity Building Program as an existing
7 Reimagine Public Safety Act grantee, applicants must be in
8 good standing as a Reimagine Public Safety Act grantee and
9 have at least 3 years of experience managing more than
10 \$1,000,000 in public grants annually. Applicants must also
11 identify at least 2 organizations they will work with and
12 receive supporting letters from those organizations to
13 provide specific support services.

14 (f) In partnership with the Department of Human Services
15 Office of Firearm Violence Prevention, the Illinois Criminal
16 Justice Information Authority shall create other criteria to
17 make awards under this Section consistent with the purposes of
18 this Act.

19 (430 ILCS 69/35-57.2 new)

20 Sec. 35-57.2. Community Violence Intervention Workforce
21 Development Training Centers Program.

22 (a) The Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority
23 and the Illinois Department of Human Services Office of
24 Firearm Violence Prevention shall allocate \$5,000,000 for
25 Community Violence Intervention training organizations.

1 (b) In consultation with the Illinois Department of Human
2 Services Office of Firearm Violence Prevention, the Illinois
3 Criminal Justice Information Authority shall issue grants to
4 community violence intervention training organizations in the
5 Reimagine Public Safety Act communities and existing Reimagine
6 Public Safety Act grantees that can provide community violence
7 intervention workforce development training. There shall be 2
8 grants of \$2,500,000 each awarded, for a total of \$5,000,000
9 in grants.

10 (c) Grant applications for community violence intervention
11 workforce training organizations shall be for \$2,500,000 each
12 and include the following reimbursable service categories:

13 (1) paid stipends for trainees to subsidize their
14 income while enhancing their skills;

15 (2) cognitive behavioral curriculum that aligns with
16 social and emotional learning skills and life coaching;

17 (3) job coaching throughout the first year of
18 employment from trusted, credible messengers;

19 (4) individualized competency-based educational
20 experiences for community violence intervention graduates
21 and alumni; and

22 (5) pre-identified job opportunities upon completion
23 of the workforce development program.

24 (d) In partnership with the Department of Human Services
25 Office of Firearm Violence Prevention, the Illinois Criminal
26 Justice Information Authority shall create other criteria to

1 make awards under this Section consistent with the purposes of
2 this Act.

3 (430 ILCS 69/35-57.3 new)

4 Sec. 35-57.3. Prospective grant payments.

5 (a) Any community-based organization funded by Restore,
6 Reinvest, and Renew programs at the Illinois Criminal Justice
7 Information Authority, by the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act
8 programs at the Department of Commerce and Economic
9 Opportunity, or by the Reimagine Public Safety Act programs at
10 the Department of Human Services shall qualify for 4
11 prospective 3-month payments if the community-based
12 organization meets all of the following criteria:

13 (1) The community-based organization has less than
14 \$1,000,000 in annual revenue outside of the grant program
15 funds they receive from Restore, Reinvest, and Renew
16 grants, Climate and Equitable Jobs Act grants, or
17 Reimagine Public Safety Act grants, or the community-based
18 organization does not have access to free cashflow that
19 can support 2 months of the program funds awarded under
20 the Restore, Reinvest, and Renew program, the Climate and
21 Equitable Jobs Act program, or the Reimagine Public Safety
22 Act program;

23 (2) The community-based organization is willing and
24 capable of filing quarterly reports that indicate how
25 funds have been spent in accordance with their grant

1 agreement.

2 (3) The community-based organization and its
3 leadership have not been found to be in violation of a
4 public or private grant agreement in the past.

5 (b) To receive additional quarterly prospective payments,
6 the community agency must report its actual and projected
7 spending for the last 3 months of the grant between 60 days and
8 75 days after the last prospective payment was made. The
9 relevant State agency shall adjust the next prospective
10 payment to reflect 3 months of additional funds needed based
11 on actual spending that took place in the prior quarter.

12 (430 ILCS 69/35-57.4 new)

13 Sec. 35-57.4. Community Violence Initiative Program Peer
14 Assessment and Evaluation.

15 (a) The Department of Human Services Office of Firearm
16 Violence Prevention shall create a peer assessment process for
17 all grantees under the Reimagine Public Safety Act program.
18 The Office of Firearm Violence Prevention may contract with a
19 qualified university partner or other research institution to
20 design and implement the peer assessment process. The peer
21 assessment process should be designed and implemented using
22 the peer assessment program from the Association of State and
23 Territorial Health Officials as a model formative assessment
24 tool, or the Office of Firearm Violence Prevention may select
25 a peer assessment model that more closely aligns with

1 community violence intervention program needs that have been
2 endorsed by at least 10 of the Reimagine Public Safety Act
3 grantees.

4 (b) The peer review process shall include review from 3 or
5 more similar community violence intervention programs on the
6 following programmatic and organizational elements:

7 (1) best evidence participant recruitment and
8 retention;

9 (2) application of data to all elements of program
10 design and implementation;

11 (3) staff training, support, and accountability;

12 (4) budget and financial integrity and controls;

13 (5) community engagement, communication, awareness,
14 and accountability; and

15 (6) continual improvement process management.

16 (c) The Department of Human Services Office of Firearm
17 Violence Prevention shall develop standards and processes for
18 implementing the peer review process by no later than March 1,
19 2025, and shall complete the first peer reviews before July 1,
20 2025.

1 INDEX

2 Statutes amended in order of appearance

3 20 ILCS 3930/7 from Ch. 38, par. 210-7

4 430 ILCS 69/35-57.1 new

5 430 ILCS 69/35-57.2 new

6 430 ILCS 69/35-57.3 new

7 430 ILCS 69/35-57.4 new