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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 595

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 595 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Counties Code is amended by adding Section  
5 3-4000.2 as follows:

6 (55 ILCS 5/3-4000.2 new)

7 Sec. 3-4000.2. Office of Public Defense Trial Support.  
8 Notwithstanding any provision in this Division to the  
9 contrary, the Supreme Court is encouraged to establish a  
10 framework for a statewide Office of Public Defense Trial  
11 Support. The duties of the Office of Public Defense Trial  
12 Support may include, but are not limited to: (1) providing  
13 support to public defenders upon request; and (2) in  
14 conjunction with other interested parties, facilitating a  
15 strategic planning process designed to enhance public defender  
16 services and ensure that effective assistance of counsel is

1 rendered regardless of the jurisdiction in which charges are  
2 brought. Subject to appropriation and at the direction of the  
3 Supreme Court, the Administrative Office of the Illinois  
4 Courts shall provide administrative and other support to the  
5 Office of Public Defense Trial Support through June 30, 2026.

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