

1 AN ACT concerning government.

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

4 Section 5. The State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor's
5 Act is amended by adding Section 4.12 as follows:

6 (725 ILCS 210/4.12 new)

7 Sec. 4.12. Best Practices Protocol Committee. The Board
8 shall establish a Best Practices Protocol Committee which shall
9 evaluate and recommend a Best Practices Protocol on specific
10 issues related to the investigation and prosecution of serious
11 criminal offenses. The Best Practices Committee shall review
12 the causes of wrongful convictions and make recommendations to
13 improve and enhance public safety, with due consideration for
14 the rights of the accused. The Best Practices Protocol
15 Committee shall:

16 (1) Propose enhanced procedures relevant to the
17 investigation and prosecution of criminal offenses.

18 (2) Collaborate with law enforcement partners in the
19 development of enhanced procedures.

20 (3) Review public and private sector reports dealing
21 with reduction of wrongful convictions.

22 (4) Identify and assess innovations to the criminal
23 justice system.

1 (5) Examine scientific studies concerning new
2 procedures.

3 (6) Create training programs for prosecutors and
4 police on the best practices protocols developed by the
5 Committee in collaboration with law enforcement.

6 (7) Review specific proposals submitted by the General
7 Assembly by way of resolution and report back its findings
8 and recommendations in a timely manner.

9 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
10 becoming law.