

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 adding Section 115-21 as follows:

6 (725 ILCS 5/115-21 new)

7 Sec. 115-21. Exclusion of witnesses. At the request of  
8 the State or the defendant or on its own motion, the court  
9 may order witnesses excluded so that they cannot hear the  
10 testimony of other witnesses.

11 This Section does not authorize exclusion of an  
12 investigative officer or agent of the State or a  
13 representative of the defendant whose presence is shown by  
14 the State or defendant to be essential to the State's or  
15 defendant's cause.

16 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
17 becoming law.