

1 AN ACT in relation to the Office of the Attorney General.

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

4 Section 5. The Attorney General Act is amended by adding  
5 Section 6.6 as follows:

6 (15 ILCS 205/6.6 new)

7 Sec. 6.6. Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Unit

8 (a) The General Assembly finds that the health, welfare,  
9 and prosperity of each Illinois citizen and the public's  
10 interest in adequate protection against domestic violence and  
11 sexual assault or abuse require effective public  
12 representation by the Attorney General to protect against  
13 domestic violence and sexual assault or abuse. For that  
14 reason, there is created within the Office of the Attorney  
15 General a Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Unit.

16 (b) The Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Unit  
17 consists of assistant attorneys general appointed by the  
18 Attorney General, who, together with any other staff deemed  
19 necessary by the Attorney General, may on behalf of the  
20 people of the State intervene in, initiate, enforce, and  
21 prosecute any legal proceeding or matter relating to domestic  
22 violence and sexual assault or abuse if the Attorney General  
23 determines that the action is necessary to promote or protect  
24 the rights and interest of any Illinois citizen.

25 (c) The Attorney General may support prosecution efforts  
26 by assisting county State's Attorneys regarding domestic  
27 violence and sexual assault or abuse.

28 (d) The provisions of this Section are not intended to  
29 conflict with the duties of the Attorney General under the  
30 Sex Offender Management Board Act or with the  
31 responsibilities of the Attorney General under the Illinois

1 Violence Prevention Act of 1995, but the Attorney General  
2 under the provisions of this Section must serve to promote  
3 and achieve the aims and objectives of the Sex Offender  
4 Management Board Act and the Illinois Violence Prevention Act  
5 of 1995.

6 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January  
7 1, 2002.