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A BILL

For an Act amending Chapter 720 Section 570/402 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes, relating to Drug Possession Sentencing.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

1 Section I. Any person who violates Section 570/402 with respect to the included controlled
2 or counterfeit substances with amounts under 100 grams, notwithstanding any of the
3 provisions of subsections and to the contrary, will be offered a modified prison sentence
4 with optional provisions for drug rehabilitation.

5 The proposed sentencing system will divide the conviction into a prison sentence and
6 prescribed time at a State Rehabilitation center. This can be a minimum of 2 years, or up to
7 a maximum of 6 years spent in a rehabilitation center after the remaining years left in the
8 sentence are served in prison. Should a person choose to enroll, the felony drug charge
9 shall be expunged from their record in order to promote a decrease in recidivism, with the
10 exception of a repeat offender.

11 Section II. If someone convicted of drug possession chooses not to enter the rehabilitation
12 system, they will serve out the full sentence for drug possession as stated in Section
13 570/402. The full sentence will apply to repeat (3x) offenders as well.

14 Section III. The option to serve a prison sentence through rehabilitation, and the
15 connection of inmates to rehabilitation centers thereof will be conducted by the Illinois
16 Department of Human Services.

17 Section IV. Based upon the average cost of maintenance of prisons per person in Illinois,
18 for every inmate that opts into the rehabilitation system, \$30,000 will be allocated to the
19 Illinois Department of Human Services from the Illinois Department of Corrections per year
20 per person.

21 Section V. This bill will go into effect January 1, 2022 upon signature of the Youth
22 Governor of Illinois.