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Ford Calls for Federal Investigation of State's Attorney's Office of Cook County

CHICAGO – State Representative La Shawn K. Ford, D-Chicago, is calling for a federal investigation of the State's Attorney's office of Cook County.

“In addition to the delays and mistakes in cases involving shootings by police, too many wrongful convictions and an overzealous team of prosecutors have led to the destruction of many families in Cook County,” said Ford. “Early this year I called for a penalty enhancement for misconduct in that office when I introduced House Bill 1462. The bill didn't go anywhere. If the Chicago Police Department is under investigation, so should the office of the State's Attorney - an office with which the Chicago Police Department works hand and hand - also be investigated. While she's still in office, the current State's Attorney can best help with information about the details of her office's misconduct.”

House Bill 1462

(<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/BillStatus.asp?DocTypeID=HB&DocNum=1482&GAID=13&SessionID=88&LegID=86227>) amends the Criminal Code of 2012 concerning official misconduct and increases the penalty for official misconduct from a Class 3 felony to a Class 2 felony. The proposed legislation provides that a prosecutor commits official misconduct when he or she, in the prosecution of a criminal case, knowingly fails to make timely disclosure to the accused of all evidence or information known to the prosecutor that tends to negate the guilt of the accused or mitigates the offense, and, in connection with sentencing, fails to disclose to the accused and to the tribunal all unprivileged mitigating information known to the prosecutor, except when the prosecutor is relieved of this responsibility by a protective order of the tribunal.

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