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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 2226

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 2226 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Illinois Criminal Justice Information Act
5 is amended by adding Section 9.3 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 3930/9.3 new)

7 Sec. 9.3. Mentoring grants for children of incarcerated.

8 (a) Mentoring grants. Subject to appropriation, the
9 Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority shall award
10 grants to nonprofit organizations that provide one-to-one
11 mentoring relationships to youth enrolled between the ages of 6
12 to 18 whose parent or other significant family member is
13 incarcerated in a State or federal penitentiary or other
14 correctional facility or serving a period of probation or
15 parole or is otherwise subject to governmental correctional
16 supervision. The intent of the grants is to provide children

1 with quality, lasting, one-to-one relationships that provide
2 youth with caring adult mentor role models in order to
3 strengthen developmental outcomes, including enhanced
4 self-confidence and esteem; improved academic performance; and
5 improved relationships with peers, family, and other adults in
6 ways that may prevent the children from entering the juvenile
7 justice system.

8 (b) Grant criteria. As a condition of receiving grants, a
9 grant recipient must:

10 (1) be currently affiliated with and a member in
11 good-standing of a nationally recognized adult-youth
12 mentoring organization that has in-place policies,
13 operating procedures, and regular monitoring and
14 evaluation criteria as well as an active program to provide
15 oversight and training for local board members and staff.
16 Recipients shall also be active members and participants in
17 an Illinois association of similar service provider
18 organizations to further the purposes of mutual support,
19 education, training, monitoring, and mentoring on a
20 one-to-one basis. A qualified grant recipient must
21 currently be a not-for-profit organization under Section
22 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and must have been
23 in existence for more than 10 years prior to the effective
24 date of this Act;

25 (2) recruit, train, and supervise volunteer one-to-one
26 mentors from the community, using trained and experienced

1 staff members who possess, at minimum, a 4-year degree from
2 an accredited institution of higher learning. Procedures
3 shall be followed with a goal to ensure that mentors are
4 professionally trained and screened to have the requisite
5 talents and skills to effectively participate in a
6 mentoring relationship and to not pose a safety risk to the
7 child, with the grant recipient adhering to national
8 standards of training and screening;

9 (3) provide enhanced training to mentors focusing on
10 asset building and family dynamics when a parent is
11 incarcerated; and

12 (4) provide an individual family plan and aftercare.

13 (c) Program evaluation. Grant recipients shall submit an
14 evaluation plan to the Executive Director of the Authority
15 delineating the program and student outcome goals and
16 activities implemented to achieve the stated outcomes. The
17 goals must be clearly stated and measurable. Grant recipients
18 shall collect, analyze, and report on participation and outcome
19 data that enable the Authority to verify that the program goals
20 were met. The evaluations shall measure 3 outcome areas: (i)
21 reduction in delinquency (avoidance of involvement with
22 criminal justice system; avoidance of school truancy); (ii)
23 avoidance of risky behaviors (illegal drug and alcohol use;
24 early pregnancy); and (iii) enhanced sense of well-being
25 (improvements in self-confidence and interpersonal
26 behavior)."