



## 99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2015 and 2016

SB0653

Introduced 1/28/2015, by Sen. Dan Kotowski

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 505/21.2 new

Amends the Children and Family Services Act. Provides that subject to appropriation, the Department of Children and Family Services shall establish a child protection training academy for child protective investigators and supervisors employed by the Department or its contractors, and for other State and county employees, judges, court personnel, service providers, mental health professionals, law enforcement, foster parents, and other appropriate individuals and entities that are involved in providing child welfare services and that work directly with abused or neglected children. Provides that the training efforts of the academy shall include, but shall not be limited to, establishing: (i) training curricula on recognizing and responding to cases of child abuse or neglect; (ii) laboratory training facilities that include mock houses, mock medical facilities, mock courtrooms, and mock forensic interview rooms that allow for simulated, interactive, and intensive training; and (iii) minimum standards of competence that a person shall be required to demonstrate prior to receiving certification from the academy. Provides that by January 1, 2016, the Department shall adopt rules for the administration of the child protection training academy that not only establish statewide competence, assessment, and training standards for persons providing child welfare services, but that also ensure that persons who provide child welfare services have the knowledge, skills, professionalism, and abilities to make decisions that keep children safe and secure. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

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

4 Section 5. The Children and Family Services Act is amended  
5 by adding Section 21.2 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 505/21.2 new)

7 Sec. 21.2. Child protection training academy.

8 Subject to appropriation, the Department shall establish a  
9 child protection training academy for child protective  
10 investigators and supervisors employed by the Department or its  
11 contractors, and for other State and county employees, judges,  
12 court personnel, service providers, mental health  
13 professionals, law enforcement, foster parents, and other  
14 appropriate individuals and entities that are involved in  
15 providing child welfare services and that work directly with  
16 abused or neglected children.

17 The training efforts of the child protection training  
18 academy shall include, but shall not be limited to,  
19 establishing:

20 (1) training curricula on recognizing and responding  
21 to cases of child abuse or neglect;

22 (2) laboratory training facilities that include mock  
23 houses, mock medical facilities, mock courtrooms, and mock

1       forensic interview rooms that allow for simulated,  
2       interactive, and intensive training; and

3               (3) minimum standards of competence that a person shall  
4       be required to demonstrate prior to receiving  
5       certification from the academy.

6       By January 1, 2016, the Department shall adopt rules for  
7       the administration of the child protection training academy  
8       that not only establish statewide competence, assessment, and  
9       training standards for persons providing child welfare  
10       services, but that also ensure that persons who provide child  
11       welfare services have the knowledge, skills, professionalism,  
12       and abilities to make decisions that keep children safe and  
13       secure.

14               Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect  
15       immediately.