

AN ACT concerning criminal law.

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

Section 5. The Unified Code of Corrections is amended by changing Section 3-2-3 and by adding Section 3-2-5.5 as follows:

(730 ILCS 5/3-2-3) (from Ch. 38, par. 1003-2-3)

Sec. 3-2-3. Director; Appointment; Powers and Duties.

(a) The Department shall be administered by the Director of Corrections who shall be appointed by the Governor in accordance with The Civil Administrative Code of Illinois.

(b) The Director shall establish such Divisions within the Department in addition to those established under Sections ~~Section~~ 3-2-5 and 3-2-5.5 as shall be desirable and shall assign to the various Divisions the responsibilities and duties placed in the Department by the laws of this State.

(Source: P.A. 77-2097.)

(730 ILCS 5/3-2-5.5 new)

Sec. 3-2-5.5. Women's Division.

(a) As used in this Section:

"Gender-responsive" means taking into account gender specific differences that have been identified in

women-centered research, including, but not limited to, socialization, psychological development, strengths, risk factors, pathways through systems, responses to treatment intervention, and other unique gender specific needs facing justice-involved women. Gender responsive policies, practices, programs, and services shall be implemented in a manner that is considered relational, culturally competent, family-centered, holistic, strength-based, and trauma-informed.

"Trauma-informed practices" means practices incorporating gender violence research and the impact of all forms of trauma in designing and implementing policies, practices, processes, programs, and services that involve understanding, recognizing, and responding to the effects of all types of trauma with emphasis on physical, psychological, and emotional safety.

(b) The Department shall create a permanent Women's Division under the direct supervision of the Director. The Women's Division shall have statewide authority and operational oversight for all of the Department's women's correctional centers and women's adult transition centers.

(c) The Director shall appoint by and with the advice and consent of the Senate a Chief Administrator for the Women's Division who has received nationally recognized specialized training in gender-responsive and trauma-informed practices. The Chief Administrator shall be responsible for:

(1) management and supervision of all employees assigned to the Women's Division correctional centers and adult transition centers;

(2) development and implementation of evidenced-based, gender-responsive, and trauma-informed practices that govern Women's Division operations and programs;

(3) development of the Women's Division training, orientation, and cycle curriculum, which shall be updated as needed to align with gender responsive and trauma-informed practices;

(4) training all staff assigned to the Women's Division correctional centers and adult transition centers on gender-responsive and trauma-informed practices;

(5) implementation of validated gender-responsive classification and placement instruments;

(6) implementation of a gender-responsive risk, assets, and needs assessment tool and case management system for the Women's Division; and

(7) collaborating with the Chief Administrator of Parole to ensure staff responsible for supervision of females under mandatory supervised release are appropriately trained in evidence-based practices in community supervision, gender-responsive practices, and trauma-informed practices.