

1 AN ACT concerning children.

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 2.2 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 505/2.2 new)

7 Sec. 2.2. Annual reports on youth in care waiting for
8 placement. No later than December 31, 2018, and on December 31
9 of each year thereafter through December 31, 2023, the
10 Department shall prepare and submit an annual report, covering
11 the previous fiscal year, to the General Assembly regarding
12 youth in care waiting for placements. The report shall include:

13 (1) the number of youth in care who remained in
14 emergency placements, including but not limited to
15 shelters and emergency foster homes, for longer than 30
16 days, their genders and ages, their recommended placement
17 type, the total length of time each youth remained in
18 emergency care, the barriers to timely placement, and
19 whether they were placed in the recommended placement type
20 after they were removed from the emergency placement, and
21 if not, what type of placement they were placed in;

22 (2) the number of youth in care who remained in
23 psychiatric hospitals beyond the time they were clinically

1 ready for discharge or beyond medical necessity, whichever
2 is sooner, their genders and ages, their recommended
3 placement type, the total length of time each youth
4 remained psychiatrically hospitalized beyond necessity,
5 the barriers to timely placement, and whether they were
6 placed in the recommended placement type after they were
7 removed from the psychiatric hospital, and if not, what
8 type of placement they were placed in;

9 (3) the number of youth in care who remained in a
10 detention center or Department of Juvenile Justice
11 facility solely because the Department cannot locate an
12 appropriate placement for the youth, their genders and
13 ages, their recommended placement type, the total length of
14 time each youth remained in the detention center or
15 Department of Juvenile Justice facility after they could
16 have been released, the barriers to timely placement, and
17 whether they were placed in the recommended placement type
18 after being released from detention of the Juvenile Justice
19 facility, and if not, what type of placement they were
20 placed in;

21 (4) a description of how the Department collected the
22 information reported and any difficulties the Department
23 had in collecting the information and whether there are
24 concerns about the validity of the information; and

25 (5) a description of any steps the Department is taking
26 to reduce the length of time youth in care wait in

1 psychiatric hospitals, emergency placements, detention
2 centers, and Department of Juvenile Justice facilities for
3 clinically appropriate placements.