

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 1. The Illinois Police Training Act is amended by
5 changing Section 7 as follows:

6 (50 ILCS 705/7) (from Ch. 85, par. 507)

7 Sec. 7. Rules and standards for schools. The Board shall
8 adopt rules and minimum standards for such schools which shall
9 include, but not be limited to, the following:

10 a. The curriculum for probationary police officers
11 which shall be offered by all certified schools shall
12 include, but not be limited to, courses of procedural
13 justice, arrest and use and control tactics, search and
14 seizure, including temporary questioning, civil rights,
15 human rights, human relations, cultural competency,
16 including implicit bias and racial and ethnic sensitivity,
17 criminal law, law of criminal procedure, constitutional
18 and proper use of law enforcement authority, vehicle and
19 traffic law including uniform and non-discriminatory
20 enforcement of the Illinois Vehicle Code, traffic control
21 and accident investigation, techniques of obtaining
22 physical evidence, court testimonies, statements, reports,
23 firearms training, training in the use of electronic

1 control devices, including the psychological and
2 physiological effects of the use of those devices on
3 humans, first-aid (including cardiopulmonary
4 resuscitation), training in the administration of opioid
5 antagonists as defined in paragraph (1) of subsection (e)
6 of Section 5-23 of the Substance Use Disorder Act, handling
7 of juvenile offenders, recognition of mental conditions
8 and crises, including, but not limited to, the disease of
9 addiction, which require immediate assistance and response
10 and methods to safeguard and provide assistance to a person
11 in need of mental treatment, recognition of abuse, neglect,
12 financial exploitation, and self-neglect of adults with
13 disabilities and older adults, as defined in Section 2 of
14 the Adult Protective Services Act, crimes against the
15 elderly, law of evidence, the hazards of high-speed police
16 vehicle chases with an emphasis on alternatives to the
17 high-speed chase, and physical training. The curriculum
18 shall include specific training in techniques for
19 immediate response to and investigation of cases of
20 domestic violence and of sexual assault of adults and
21 children, including cultural perceptions and common myths
22 of sexual assault and sexual abuse as well as interview
23 techniques that are age sensitive and are trauma informed,
24 victim centered, and victim sensitive. The curriculum
25 shall include training in techniques designed to promote
26 effective communication at the initial contact with crime

1 victims and ways to comprehensively explain to victims and
2 witnesses their rights under the Rights of Crime Victims
3 and Witnesses Act and the Crime Victims Compensation Act.
4 The curriculum shall also include training in effective
5 recognition of and responses to stress, trauma, and
6 post-traumatic stress experienced by police officers. The
7 curriculum shall include a block of instruction addressing
8 the mandatory reporting requirements under the Abused and
9 Neglected Child Reporting Act. The curriculum shall also
10 include a block of instruction aimed at identifying and
11 interacting with persons with autism and other
12 developmental or physical disabilities, reducing barriers
13 to reporting crimes against persons with autism, and
14 addressing the unique challenges presented by cases
15 involving victims or witnesses with autism and other
16 developmental disabilities. The curriculum for permanent
17 police officers shall include, but not be limited to: (1)
18 refresher and in-service training in any of the courses
19 listed above in this subparagraph, (2) advanced courses in
20 any of the subjects listed above in this subparagraph, (3)
21 training for supervisory personnel, and (4) specialized
22 training in subjects and fields to be selected by the
23 board. The training in the use of electronic control
24 devices shall be conducted for probationary police
25 officers, including University police officers.

26 b. Minimum courses of study, attendance requirements

1 and equipment requirements.

2 c. Minimum requirements for instructors.

3 d. Minimum basic training requirements, which a
4 probationary police officer must satisfactorily complete
5 before being eligible for permanent employment as a local
6 law enforcement officer for a participating local
7 governmental agency. Those requirements shall include
8 training in first aid (including cardiopulmonary
9 resuscitation).

10 e. Minimum basic training requirements, which a
11 probationary county corrections officer must
12 satisfactorily complete before being eligible for
13 permanent employment as a county corrections officer for a
14 participating local governmental agency.

15 f. Minimum basic training requirements which a
16 probationary court security officer must satisfactorily
17 complete before being eligible for permanent employment as
18 a court security officer for a participating local
19 governmental agency. The Board shall establish those
20 training requirements which it considers appropriate for
21 court security officers and shall certify schools to
22 conduct that training.

23 A person hired to serve as a court security officer
24 must obtain from the Board a certificate (i) attesting to
25 his or her successful completion of the training course;
26 (ii) attesting to his or her satisfactory completion of a

1 training program of similar content and number of hours
2 that has been found acceptable by the Board under the
3 provisions of this Act; or (iii) attesting to the Board's
4 determination that the training course is unnecessary
5 because of the person's extensive prior law enforcement
6 experience.

7 Individuals who currently serve as court security
8 officers shall be deemed qualified to continue to serve in
9 that capacity so long as they are certified as provided by
10 this Act within 24 months of June 1, 1997 (the effective
11 date of Public Act 89-685). Failure to be so certified,
12 absent a waiver from the Board, shall cause the officer to
13 forfeit his or her position.

14 All individuals hired as court security officers on or
15 after June 1, 1997 (the effective date of Public Act
16 89-685) shall be certified within 12 months of the date of
17 their hire, unless a waiver has been obtained by the Board,
18 or they shall forfeit their positions.

19 The Sheriff's Merit Commission, if one exists, or the
20 Sheriff's Office if there is no Sheriff's Merit Commission,
21 shall maintain a list of all individuals who have filed
22 applications to become court security officers and who meet
23 the eligibility requirements established under this Act.
24 Either the Sheriff's Merit Commission, or the Sheriff's
25 Office if no Sheriff's Merit Commission exists, shall
26 establish a schedule of reasonable intervals for

1 verification of the applicants' qualifications under this
2 Act and as established by the Board.

3 g. Minimum in-service training requirements, which a
4 police officer must satisfactorily complete every 3 years.
5 Those requirements shall include constitutional and proper
6 use of law enforcement authority, procedural justice,
7 civil rights, human rights, mental health awareness and
8 response, reporting child abuse and neglect, and cultural
9 competency.

10 h. Minimum in-service training requirements, which a
11 police officer must satisfactorily complete at least
12 annually. Those requirements shall include law updates and
13 use of force training which shall include scenario based
14 training, or similar training approved by the Board.

15 (Source: P.A. 99-352, eff. 1-1-16; 99-480, eff. 9-9-15; 99-642,
16 eff. 7-28-16; 99-801, eff. 1-1-17; 100-121, eff. 1-1-18;
17 100-247, eff. 1-1-18; 100-759, eff. 1-1-19; 100-863, eff.
18 8-14-18; 100-910, eff. 1-1-19; revised 9-28-19.)

19 Section 5. The Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act is
20 amended by changing Sections 4 and 11.5 as follows:

21 (325 ILCS 5/4)

22 Sec. 4. Persons required to report; privileged
23 communications; transmitting false report.

24 (a) The following persons are required to immediately

1 report to the Department when they have reasonable cause to
2 believe that a child known to them in their professional or
3 official capacities may be an abused child or a neglected
4 child:

5 (1) Medical personnel, including any: physician
6 licensed to practice medicine in any of its branches
7 (medical doctor or doctor of osteopathy); resident;
8 intern; medical administrator or personnel engaged in the
9 examination, care, and treatment of persons; psychiatrist;
10 surgeon; dentist; dental hygienist; chiropractic
11 physician; podiatric physician; physician assistant;
12 emergency medical technician; acupuncturist; registered
13 nurse; licensed practical nurse; advanced practice
14 registered nurse; genetic counselor; respiratory care
15 practitioner; home health aide; or certified nursing
16 assistant.

17 (2) Social services and mental health personnel,
18 including any: licensed professional counselor; licensed
19 clinical professional counselor; licensed social worker;
20 licensed clinical social worker; licensed psychologist or
21 assistant working under the direct supervision of a
22 psychologist; associate licensed marriage and family
23 therapist; licensed marriage and family therapist; field
24 personnel of the Departments of Healthcare and Family
25 Services, Public Health, Human Services, Human Rights, or
26 Children and Family Services; supervisor or administrator

1 of the General Assistance program established under
2 Article VI of the Illinois Public Aid Code; social services
3 administrator; or substance abuse treatment personnel.

4 (3) Crisis intervention personnel, including any:
5 crisis line or hotline personnel; or domestic violence
6 program personnel.

7 (4) Education personnel, including any: school
8 personnel (including administrators and certified and
9 non-certified school employees); personnel of institutions
10 of higher education; educational advocate assigned to a
11 child in accordance with the School Code; member of a
12 school board or the Chicago Board of Education or the
13 governing body of a private school (but only to the extent
14 required under subsection (d)); or truant officer.

15 (5) Recreation or athletic program or facility
16 personnel.

17 (6) Child care personnel, including any: early
18 intervention provider as defined in the Early Intervention
19 Services System Act; director or staff assistant of a
20 nursery school or a child day care center; or foster
21 parent, homemaker, or child care worker.

22 (7) Law enforcement personnel, including any: law
23 enforcement officer; field personnel of the Department of
24 Juvenile Justice; field personnel of the Department of
25 Corrections; probation officer; or animal control officer
26 or field investigator of the Department of Agriculture's

1 Bureau of Animal Health and Welfare.

2 (8) Any funeral home director; funeral home director
3 and embalmer; funeral home employee; coroner; or medical
4 examiner.

5 (9) Any member of the clergy.

6 (10) Any physician, physician assistant, registered
7 nurse, licensed practical nurse, medical technician,
8 certified nursing assistant, licensed social worker,
9 licensed clinical social worker, or licensed professional
10 counselor of any office, clinic, or any other physical
11 location that provides abortions, abortion referrals, or
12 contraceptives.

13 (b) When 2 or more persons who work within the same
14 workplace and are required to report under this Act share a
15 reasonable cause to believe that a child may be an abused or
16 neglected child, one of those reporters may be designated to
17 make a single report. The report shall include the names and
18 contact information for the other mandated reporters sharing
19 the reasonable cause to believe that a child may be an abused
20 or neglected child. The designated reporter must provide
21 written confirmation of the report to those mandated reporters
22 within 48 hours. If confirmation is not provided, those
23 mandated reporters are individually responsible for
24 immediately ensuring a report is made. Nothing in this Section
25 precludes or may be used to preclude any person from reporting
26 child abuse or child neglect.

1 (c) (1) As used in this Section, "a child known to them in
2 their professional or official capacities" means:

3 (A) the mandated reporter comes into contact with the
4 child in the course of the reporter's employment or
5 practice of a profession, or through a regularly scheduled
6 program, activity, or service;

7 (B) the mandated reporter is affiliated with an agency,
8 institution, organization, school, school district,
9 regularly established church or religious organization, or
10 other entity that is directly responsible for the care,
11 supervision, guidance, or training of the child; or

12 (C) a person makes a specific disclosure to the
13 mandated reporter that an identifiable child is the victim
14 of child abuse or child neglect, and the disclosure happens
15 while the mandated reporter is engaged in his or her
16 employment or practice of a profession, or in a regularly
17 scheduled program, activity, or service.

18 (2) Nothing in this Section requires a child to come before
19 the mandated reporter in order for the reporter to make a
20 report of suspected child abuse or child neglect.

21 ~~Any physician, resident, intern, hospital, hospital~~
22 ~~administrator and personnel engaged in examination, care and~~
23 ~~treatment of persons, surgeon, dentist, dentist hygienist,~~
24 ~~osteopath, chiropractor, podiatric physician, physician~~
25 ~~assistant, substance abuse treatment personnel, funeral home~~
26 ~~director or employee, coroner, medical examiner, emergency~~

1 ~~medical technician, acupuncturist, crisis line or hotline~~
2 ~~personnel, school personnel (including administrators and both~~
3 ~~certified and non-certified school employees), personnel of~~
4 ~~institutions of higher education, educational advocate~~
5 ~~assigned to a child pursuant to the School Code, member of a~~
6 ~~school board or the Chicago Board of Education or the governing~~
7 ~~body of a private school (but only to the extent required in~~
8 ~~accordance with other provisions of this Section expressly~~
9 ~~concerning the duty of school board members to report suspected~~
10 ~~child abuse), truant officers, social worker, social services~~
11 ~~administrator, domestic violence program personnel, registered~~
12 ~~nurse, licensed practical nurse, genetic counselor,~~
13 ~~respiratory care practitioner, advanced practice registered~~
14 ~~nurse, home health aide, director or staff assistant of a~~
15 ~~nursery school or a child day care center, recreational or~~
16 ~~athletic program or facility personnel, early intervention~~
17 ~~provider as defined in the Early Intervention Services System~~
18 ~~Act, law enforcement officer, licensed professional counselor,~~
19 ~~licensed clinical professional counselor, registered~~
20 ~~psychologist and assistants working under the direct~~
21 ~~supervision of a psychologist, psychiatrist, or field~~
22 ~~personnel of the Department of Healthcare and Family Services,~~
23 ~~Juvenile Justice, Public Health, Human Services (acting as~~
24 ~~successor to the Department of Mental Health and Developmental~~
25 ~~Disabilities, Rehabilitation Services, or Public Aid),~~
26 ~~Corrections, Human Rights, or Children and Family Services,~~

1 ~~supervisor and administrator of general assistance under the~~
2 ~~Illinois Public Aid Code, probation officer, animal control~~
3 ~~officer or Illinois Department of Agriculture Bureau of Animal~~
4 ~~Health and Welfare field investigator, or any other foster~~
5 ~~parent, homemaker or child care worker having reasonable cause~~
6 ~~to believe a child known to them in their professional or~~
7 ~~official capacity may be an abused child or a neglected child~~
8 ~~shall immediately report or cause a report to be made to the~~
9 ~~Department.~~

10 ~~Any member of the clergy having reasonable cause to believe~~
11 ~~that a child known to that member of the clergy in his or her~~
12 ~~professional capacity may be an abused child as defined in item~~
13 ~~(c) of the definition of "abused child" in Section 3 of this~~
14 ~~Act shall immediately report or cause a report to be made to~~
15 ~~the Department.~~

16 ~~Any physician, physician's assistant, registered nurse,~~
17 ~~licensed practical nurse, medical technician, certified~~
18 ~~nursing assistant, social worker, or licensed professional~~
19 ~~counselor of any office, clinic, or any other physical location~~
20 ~~that provides abortions, abortion referrals, or contraceptives~~
21 ~~having reasonable cause to believe a child known to him or her~~
22 ~~in his or her professional or official capacity may be an~~
23 ~~abused child or a neglected child shall immediately report or~~
24 ~~cause a report to be made to the Department.~~

25 (d) If an allegation is raised to a school board member
26 during the course of an open or closed school board meeting

1 that a child who is enrolled in the school district of which he
2 or she is a board member is an abused child as defined in
3 Section 3 of this Act, the member shall direct or cause the
4 school board to direct the superintendent of the school
5 district or other equivalent school administrator to comply
6 with the requirements of this Act concerning the reporting of
7 child abuse. For purposes of this paragraph, a school board
8 member is granted the authority in his or her individual
9 capacity to direct the superintendent of the school district or
10 other equivalent school administrator to comply with the
11 requirements of this Act concerning the reporting of child
12 abuse.

13 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, if an
14 employee of a school district has made a report or caused a
15 report to be made to the Department under this Act involving
16 the conduct of a current or former employee of the school
17 district and a request is made by another school district for
18 the provision of information concerning the job performance or
19 qualifications of the current or former employee because he or
20 she is an applicant for employment with the requesting school
21 district, the general superintendent of the school district to
22 which the request is being made must disclose to the requesting
23 school district the fact that an employee of the school
24 district has made a report involving the conduct of the
25 applicant or caused a report to be made to the Department, as
26 required under this Act. Only the fact that an employee of the

1 school district has made a report involving the conduct of the
2 applicant or caused a report to be made to the Department may
3 be disclosed by the general superintendent of the school
4 district to which the request for information concerning the
5 applicant is made, and this fact may be disclosed only in cases
6 where the employee and the general superintendent have not been
7 informed by the Department that the allegations were unfounded.
8 An employee of a school district who is or has been the subject
9 of a report made pursuant to this Act during his or her
10 employment with the school district must be informed by that
11 school district that if he or she applies for employment with
12 another school district, the general superintendent of the
13 former school district, upon the request of the school district
14 to which the employee applies, shall notify that requesting
15 school district that the employee is or was the subject of such
16 a report.

17 (e) Whenever such person is required to report under this
18 Act in his capacity as a member of the staff of a medical or
19 other public or private institution, school, facility or
20 agency, or as a member of the clergy, he shall make report
21 immediately to the Department in accordance with the provisions
22 of this Act and may also notify the person in charge of such
23 institution, school, facility or agency, or church, synagogue,
24 temple, mosque, or other religious institution, or his
25 designated agent that such report has been made. Under no
26 circumstances shall any person in charge of such institution,

1 school, facility or agency, or church, synagogue, temple,
2 mosque, or other religious institution, or his designated agent
3 to whom such notification has been made, exercise any control,
4 restraint, modification or other change in the report or the
5 forwarding of such report to the Department.

6 (f) In addition to the persons required to report suspected
7 cases of child abuse or child neglect under this Section, any
8 other person may make a report if such person has reasonable
9 cause to believe a child may be an abused child or a neglected
10 child.

11 (g) The privileged quality of communication between any
12 professional person required to report and his patient or
13 client shall not apply to situations involving abused or
14 neglected children and shall not constitute grounds for failure
15 to report as required by this Act or constitute grounds for
16 failure to share information or documents with the Department
17 during the course of a child abuse or neglect investigation. If
18 requested by the professional, the Department shall confirm in
19 writing that the information or documents disclosed by the
20 professional were gathered in the course of a child abuse or
21 neglect investigation.

22 The reporting requirements of this Act shall not apply to
23 the contents of a privileged communication between an attorney
24 and his or her client or to confidential information within the
25 meaning of Rule 1.6 of the Illinois Rules of Professional
26 Conduct relating to the legal representation of an individual

1 client.

2 A member of the clergy may claim the privilege under
3 Section 8-803 of the Code of Civil Procedure.

4 (h) Any office, clinic, or any other physical location that
5 provides abortions, abortion referrals, or contraceptives
6 shall provide to all office personnel copies of written
7 information and training materials about abuse and neglect and
8 the requirements of this Act that are provided to employees of
9 the office, clinic, or physical location who are required to
10 make reports to the Department under this Act, and instruct
11 such office personnel to bring to the attention of an employee
12 of the office, clinic, or physical location who is required to
13 make reports to the Department under this Act any reasonable
14 suspicion that a child known to him or her in his or her
15 professional or official capacity may be an abused child or a
16 neglected child. ~~In addition to the above persons required to~~
17 ~~report suspected cases of abused or neglected children, any~~
18 ~~other person may make a report if such person has reasonable~~
19 ~~cause to believe a child may be an abused child or a neglected~~
20 ~~child.~~

21 (i) Any person who enters into employment on and after July
22 1, 1986 and is mandated by virtue of that employment to report
23 under this Act, shall sign a statement on a form prescribed by
24 the Department, to the effect that the employee has knowledge
25 and understanding of the reporting requirements of this Act. On
26 and after January 1, 2019, the statement shall also include

1 information about available mandated reporter training
2 provided by the Department. The statement shall be signed prior
3 to commencement of the employment. The signed statement shall
4 be retained by the employer. The cost of printing,
5 distribution, and filing of the statement shall be borne by the
6 employer.

7 (j) Persons ~~Within one year of initial employment and at~~
8 ~~least every 5 years thereafter, school personnel~~ required to
9 report child abuse or child neglect as provided under this
10 Section must complete an initial mandated reporter training
11 within 3 months of their date of engagement in a professional
12 or official capacity as a mandated reporter, or within the time
13 frame of any other applicable State law that governs training
14 requirements for a specific profession, and at least every 3
15 years thereafter. The initial requirement only applies to the
16 first time they engage in their professional or official
17 capacity. In lieu of training every 3 years, medical personnel,
18 as listed in paragraph (1) of subsection (a), must meet the
19 requirements described in subsection (k).

20 The trainings shall be in-person or web-based, and shall
21 include, at a minimum, information on the following topics: (i)
22 indicators for recognizing child abuse and child neglect, as
23 defined under this Act; (ii) the process for reporting
24 suspected child abuse and child neglect in Illinois as required
25 by this Act and the required documentation; (iii) responding to
26 a child in a trauma-informed manner; and (iv) understanding the

1 response of child protective services and the role of the
2 reporter after a call has been made. Child-serving
3 organizations are encouraged to provide in-person annual
4 trainings.

5 The mandated reporter training shall be provided through
6 the Department, through an entity authorized to provide
7 continuing education for professionals licensed through the
8 Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, the State
9 Board of Education, the Illinois Law Enforcement Training
10 Standards Board, or the Department of State Police, or through
11 an organization approved by the Department to provide mandated
12 reporter training. The Department must make available a free
13 web-based training for reporters.

14 Each mandated reporter shall report to his or her employer
15 and, when applicable, to his or her licensing or certification
16 board that he or she received the mandated reporter training.
17 The mandated reporter shall maintain records of completion.

18 Beginning January 1, 2021, if a mandated reporter receives
19 licensure from the Department of Financial and Professional
20 Regulation or the State Board of Education, and his or her
21 profession has continuing education requirements, the training
22 mandated under this Section shall count toward meeting the
23 licensee's required continuing education hours.

24 ~~by a provider or agency with expertise in recognizing and~~
25 ~~reporting child abuse.~~

26 (k) (1) Medical personnel, as listed in paragraph (1) of

1 subsection (a), who work with children in their professional or
2 official capacity, must complete mandated reporter training at
3 least every 6 years. Such medical personnel, if licensed, must
4 attest at each time of licensure renewal on their renewal form
5 that they understand they are a mandated reporter of child
6 abuse and neglect, that they are aware of the process for
7 making a report, that they know how to respond to a child in a
8 trauma-informed manner, and that they are aware of the role of
9 child protective services and the role of a reporter after a
10 call has been made.

11 (2) In lieu of repeated training, medical personnel, as
12 listed in paragraph (1) of subsection (a), who do not work with
13 children in their professional or official capacity, may
14 instead attest each time at licensure renewal on their renewal
15 form that they understand they are a mandated reporter of child
16 abuse and neglect, that they are aware of the process for
17 making a report, that they know how to respond to a child in a
18 trauma-informed manner, and that they are aware of the role of
19 child protective services and the role of a reporter after a
20 call has been made. Nothing in this paragraph precludes medical
21 personnel from completing mandated reporter training and
22 receiving continuing education credits for that training.

23 (1) The Department shall provide copies of this Act, upon
24 request, to all employers employing persons who shall be
25 required under the provisions of this Section to report under
26 this Act.

1 (m) Any person who knowingly transmits a false report to
2 the Department commits the offense of disorderly conduct under
3 subsection (a) (7) of Section 26-1 of the Criminal Code of 2012.
4 A violation of this provision is a Class 4 felony.

5 Any person who knowingly and willfully violates any
6 provision of this Section other than a second or subsequent
7 violation of transmitting a false report as described in the
8 preceding paragraph, is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor for a
9 first violation and a Class 4 felony for a second or subsequent
10 violation; except that if the person acted as part of a plan or
11 scheme having as its object the prevention of discovery of an
12 abused or neglected child by lawful authorities for the purpose
13 of protecting or insulating any person or entity from arrest or
14 prosecution, the person is guilty of a Class 4 felony for a
15 first offense and a Class 3 felony for a second or subsequent
16 offense (regardless of whether the second or subsequent offense
17 involves any of the same facts or persons as the first or other
18 prior offense).

19 (n) A child whose parent, guardian or custodian in good
20 faith selects and depends upon spiritual means through prayer
21 alone for the treatment or cure of disease or remedial care may
22 be considered neglected or abused, but not for the sole reason
23 that his parent, guardian or custodian accepts and practices
24 such beliefs.

25 (o) A child shall not be considered neglected or abused
26 solely because the child is not attending school in accordance

1 with the requirements of Article 26 of the School Code, as
2 amended.

3 (p) Nothing in this Act prohibits a mandated reporter who
4 reasonably believes that an animal is being abused or neglected
5 in violation of the Humane Care for Animals Act from reporting
6 animal abuse or neglect to the Department of Agriculture's
7 Bureau of Animal Health and Welfare.

8 (q) A home rule unit may not regulate the reporting of
9 child abuse or neglect in a manner inconsistent with the
10 provisions of this Section. This Section is a limitation under
11 subsection (i) of Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois
12 Constitution on the concurrent exercise by home rule units of
13 powers and functions exercised by the State.

14 (r) For purposes of this Section "child abuse or neglect"
15 includes abuse or neglect of an adult resident as defined in
16 this Act.

17 (Source: P.A. 100-513, eff. 1-1-18; 100-1071, eff. 1-1-19.)

18 (325 ILCS 5/11.5) (from Ch. 23, par. 2061.5)

19 Sec. 11.5. Public awareness program.

20 (a) No later than 6 months after the effective date of this
21 amendatory Act of the 101st General Assembly, the Department of
22 Children and Family Services shall develop culturally
23 sensitive materials on child abuse and child neglect, the
24 statewide toll-free telephone number established under Section
25 7.6, and the process for reporting any reasonable suspicion of

1 child abuse or child neglect.

2 The Department shall reach out to businesses and
3 organizations to seek assistance in raising awareness about
4 child abuse and child neglect and the statewide toll-free
5 telephone number established under Section 7.6, including
6 posting notices. The Department shall make a model notice
7 available for download on the Department's website. The model
8 notice shall:

9 (1) be available in English, Spanish, and the 2 other
10 languages most widely spoken in the State;

11 (2) be at least 8 1/2 inches by 11 inches in size and
12 written in a 16-point font;

13 (3) include the following statement:

14 "Protecting children is a responsibility we all
15 share. It is important for every person to take child
16 abuse and child neglect seriously, to be able to
17 recognize when it happens, and to know what to do next.
18 If you have reason to believe a child you know is being
19 abused or neglected, call the State's child abuse
20 hotline; and

21 (4) include the statewide toll-free telephone number
22 established under Section 7.6, and the Department's
23 website address where more information about child abuse
24 and child neglect is available.

25 (b) Within the appropriation available, the Department
26 shall conduct a continuing education and training program for

1 State and local staff, persons and officials required to
2 report, the general public, and other persons engaged in or
3 intending to engage in the prevention, identification, and
4 treatment of child abuse and neglect. The program shall be
5 designed to encourage the fullest degree of reporting of known
6 and suspected child abuse and neglect, and to improve
7 communication, cooperation, and coordination among all
8 agencies in the identification, prevention, and treatment of
9 child abuse and neglect. The program shall inform the general
10 public and professionals of the nature and extent of child
11 abuse and neglect and their responsibilities, obligations,
12 powers and immunity from liability under this Act. It may
13 include information on the diagnosis of child abuse and neglect
14 and the roles and procedures of the Child Protective Service
15 Unit, the Department and central register, the courts and of
16 the protective, treatment, and ameliorative services available
17 to children and their families. Such information may also
18 include special needs of mothers at risk of delivering a child
19 whose life or development may be threatened by a disabling
20 condition, to ensure informed consent to treatment of the
21 condition and understanding of the unique child care
22 responsibilities required for such a child. The program may
23 also encourage parents and other persons having responsibility
24 for the welfare of children to seek assistance on their own in
25 meeting their child care responsibilities and encourage the
26 voluntary acceptance of available services when they are

1 needed. It may also include publicity and dissemination of
2 information on the existence and number of the 24 hour,
3 State-wide, toll-free telephone service to assist persons
4 seeking assistance and to receive reports of known and
5 suspected abuse and neglect.

6 (c) Within the appropriation available, the Department
7 also shall conduct a continuing education and training program
8 for State and local staff involved in investigating reports of
9 child abuse or neglect made under this Act. The program shall
10 be designed to train such staff in the necessary and
11 appropriate procedures to be followed in investigating cases
12 which it appears may result in civil or criminal charges being
13 filed against a person. Program subjects shall include but not
14 be limited to the gathering of evidence with a view toward
15 presenting such evidence in court and the involvement of State
16 or local law enforcement agencies in the investigation. The
17 program shall be conducted in cooperation with State or local
18 law enforcement agencies, State's Attorneys and other
19 components of the criminal justice system as the Department
20 deems appropriate.

21 (Source: P.A. 99-143, eff. 7-27-15.)