



## 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2023 and 2024

HB3265

Introduced 2/17/2023, by Rep. Jay Hoffman

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 505/46 new

Amends the Children and Family Services Act. Provides that, subject to appropriation, the Department of Children and Family Services shall establish and administer a 5-year Equine Therapy Pilot Program to provide grants to organizations that provide equine therapy to foster children who have been abused or neglected and have been diagnosed with a developmental disability or a mental health condition. Provides that organizations eligible to participate in the pilot program must be certified by the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International. Provides that the Department may adopt any rules necessary to implement the pilot program, including, but not limited to, rules on additional eligibility and application requirements for organizations seeking to participate in the pilot program and any additional eligibility requirements for foster children interested in equine therapy.

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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 46 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 505/46 new)

7 Sec. 46. Equine Therapy Pilot Program. Subject to  
8 appropriation, beginning July 1, 2024 through July 1, 2029,  
9 the Department shall establish and administer a 5-year Equine  
10 Therapy Pilot Program to provide grants to organizations that  
11 provide equine therapy to foster children who have been abused  
12 or neglected and have been diagnosed with a developmental  
13 disability or a mental health condition. Organizations  
14 eligible to participate in the pilot program must be certified  
15 by the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship  
16 International. The Department may adopt any rules necessary to  
17 implement the pilot program, including, but not limited to,  
18 rules on additional eligibility and application requirements  
19 for organizations seeking to participate in the pilot program  
20 and any additional eligibility requirements for foster  
21 children interested in equine therapy.