



103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB4449

Introduced 1/16/2024, by Rep. Terra Costa Howard

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

325 ILCS 5/7.2

from Ch. 23, par. 2057.2

Amends the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act. In a provision concerning law enforcement assistance for child protective investigators when responding to a high-risk report of child abuse or neglect, provides that when assistance is not available from law enforcement with primary jurisdiction, law enforcement from any other police jurisdiction in Illinois may provide assistance to a child protection investigator.

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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 Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act is
5 amended by changing Section 7.2 as follows:

6 (325 ILCS 5/7.2) (from Ch. 23, par. 2057.2)

7 Sec. 7.2. The Department shall establish a Child
8 Protective Service Unit within each geographic region as
9 designated by the Director of the Department. The Child
10 Protective Service Unit shall perform those functions assigned
11 by this Act to it and only such others that would further the
12 purposes of this Act. It shall have a sufficient staff of
13 qualified personnel to fulfill the purpose of this Act and be
14 organized in such a way as to maximize the continuity of
15 responsibility, care and service of the individual workers
16 toward the individual children and families.

17 The Child Protective Service Unit shall designate members
18 of each unit to receive specialty training to serve as special
19 consultants to unit staff and the public in the areas of child
20 sexual abuse, child deaths and injuries, and out-of-home
21 investigations.

22 If a child protective investigator of a Child Protective
23 Service Unit is unable to obtain assistance from other unit

1 members when responding to a high-risk report of child abuse
2 or neglect and the child protective investigator has a
3 reasonable belief or suspicion that a subject named in the
4 report has the potential for violence, the child protective
5 investigator may request assistance from local law enforcement
6 officers to be provided at a mutually available time. Law
7 enforcement officers shall, upon request, make all reasonable
8 efforts to assist the child protective investigator in
9 receiving law enforcement assistance. When assistance is not
10 available from law enforcement with primary jurisdiction, law
11 enforcement from any other police jurisdiction in Illinois may
12 provide assistance to a child protection investigator that is
13 outside the accompanying officers' primary jurisdiction.

14 (Source: P.A. 100-625, eff. 7-20-18.)