

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 changing Section 4a as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 505/4a) (from Ch. 23, par. 5004a)

7 Sec. 4a. (a) To administer child abuse prevention shelters  
8 and service programs for abused and neglected children, or  
9 provide for their administration by not-for-profit  
10 corporations, community-based organizations or units of local  
11 government.

12 The Department is hereby designated the single State  
13 agency for planning and coordination of child abuse and  
14 neglect prevention programs and services. On or before the  
15 first Friday in October of each year, the Department shall  
16 submit to the Governor and the General Assembly a State  
17 comprehensive child abuse and neglect prevention plan. The  
18 plan shall: identify priorities, goals and objectives;  
19 identify the resources necessary to implement the plan,  
20 including estimates of resources needed to investigate or  
21 otherwise process reports of suspected child abuse or neglect  
22 and to provide necessary follow-up services for child  
23 protection, family preservation and family reunification in

1 "indicated" cases as determined under the Abused and Neglected  
2 Child Reporting Act; make proposals for the most effective use  
3 of existing resources to implement the plan, including  
4 recommendations for the optimum use of private, local public,  
5 State and federal resources; and propose strategies for the  
6 development of additional resources to meet the goal of  
7 reducing the incidence of child abuse and neglect and reducing  
8 the number of reports of suspected child abuse and neglect  
9 made to the Department.

10 (b) The administration of child abuse prevention, shelters  
11 and service programs under subsection (a) shall be funded in  
12 part by appropriations made from the Child Abuse Prevention  
13 Fund, which is hereby created in the State Treasury, and in  
14 part by appropriations from the General Revenue Fund. All  
15 interest earned on monies in the Child Abuse Prevention Fund  
16 shall remain in such fund. The Department and the State  
17 Treasurer may accept funds as provided by Sections 507 and 508  
18 of the Illinois Income Tax Act and unsolicited private  
19 donations for deposit into the Child Abuse Prevention Fund.  
20 Annual requests for appropriations for the purpose of  
21 providing child abuse and neglect prevention programs and  
22 services under this Section shall be made in separate and  
23 distinct line-items. In setting priorities for the direction  
24 and scope of such programs, the Director shall be advised by  
25 the State-wide Citizen's Committee on Child Abuse and Neglect.

26 (c) Where the Department contracts with outside agencies

1 to operate the shelters or programs, such outside agencies may  
2 receive funding from the Department, except that the shelters  
3 must certify a 20% financial match for operating expenses of  
4 their programs. In selecting the outside agencies to  
5 administer child shelters and service programs, and in  
6 allocating funds for such agencies, the Department shall give  
7 priority to new and existing shelters or programs offering the  
8 broadest range of services to the community served.

9 (d) The Department shall have the power to make grants of  
10 monies to fund comprehensive community-based services to  
11 reduce the incidence of family dysfunction typified by child  
12 abuse and neglect; to diminish those factors found to increase  
13 family dysfunction; and to measure the effectiveness and costs  
14 of such services.

15 (e) For implementing such intergovernmental cooperation  
16 and involvement, units of local government and public and  
17 private agencies may apply for and receive federal or State  
18 funds from the Department under this Act or seek and receive  
19 gifts from local philanthropic or other private local sources  
20 in order to augment any State funds appropriated for the  
21 purposes of this Act.

22 (e-5) The Department may establish and maintain locally  
23 held funds to be individually known as the Youth in Care  
24 Support Fund. Moneys in these funds shall be used for  
25 purchases for the immediate needs of youth in care or for the  
26 immediate support needs of youth, families, and caregivers

1 served by the Department. Moneys paid into funds shall be from  
2 appropriations made to the DCFS Children's Services Fund.  
3 Funds remaining in any Youth in Care Support Fund must be  
4 returned to the DCFS Children's Services Fund upon  
5 dissolution. Any warrant for payment to a vendor for the same  
6 product or service for a youth in care shall be payable to the  
7 Department to reimburse the immediate payment from the Youth  
8 in Care Support Fund.

9 (f) For the purposes of this Section:

10 (1) The terms "abused child" and "neglected child"  
11 have meanings ascribed to them in Section 3 of the Abused  
12 and Neglected Child Reporting Act.

13 (2) "Shelter" has the meaning ascribed to it in  
14 Section 1-3 of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987.

15 (Source: P.A. 97-20, eff. 6-28-11.)