

93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2003 and 2004

Introduced 02/04/04, by David R. Leitch

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 505/2.1

Amends the Children and Family Services Act. Provides that if the Department of Children and Family Services contracts with a private child welfare agency to provide child welfare services or to provide the arrangement of child welfare services, then the private child welfare agency and its employees shall not, as a result of their acts or omissions, be liable for civil damages, unless the acts or omissions constitute willful and wanton misconduct.

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1 AN ACT concerning children and families.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

- Section 5. The Children and Family Services Act is amended by changing Section 2.1 as follows:
- 6 (20 ILCS 505/2.1)

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- Sec. 2.1. <u>Sufficient resources required; liability.</u> The Department shall ensure a sufficient number of placement and other resources of sufficient quality and variety to meet the needs of children and families as specified in the individual case plan in Sec. 6a of this Act. Nothing in this Sec. shall be construed to create a private right of action or a judicially enforceable claim on the part of any individual or agency.
- If the Department contracts with a private child welfare
 agency to provide child welfare services or to provide the
 arrangement of child welfare services, then the private child
 welfare agency and its employees shall not, as a result of
 their acts or omissions, be liable for civil damages, unless
 the acts or omissions constitute willful and wanton misconduct.
- 20 (Source: P.A. 88-614, eff. 9-7-94.)