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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 505/17a-15 new

Amends the Children and Family Services Act. Requires the Department of Human Services to establish a program to award grants to area projects to plan, establish, operate, coordinate, and evaluate community services programs. Requires the Department to establish eligibility requirements for grants. Sets forth procedures for grant awards. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

1 AN ACT concerning community development.

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 17a-15 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 505/17a-15 new)

7 Sec. 17a-15. Community service programs; Department of
8 Human Services.

9 (a) The Department of Human Services must establish a
10 program to award grants to area projects to plan, establish,
11 operate, coordinate, and evaluate community services programs.
12 For purposes of this Section, "area project" means an entity
13 whose purpose is to develop, manage, provide, and coordinate a
14 community services program and "community services program"
15 means a program, based on the Chicago Area Project Model, aimed
16 at changing social, cultural, and environmental conditions
17 that prevent youth and families from maximizing their potential
18 and that place youth in a condition that increases their
19 tendency to become involved in the juvenile justice or child
20 welfare systems.

21 (b) The Department of Human Services must, by rule,
22 establish the eligibility criteria for an area project,
23 including the composition and responsibilities of the
24 governing authority of an area project, application
25 requirements, service components of community services
26 programs, and the review and monitoring of community services
27 program plans. At a minimum, an area project must be must be a
28 not-for-profit organization or local board (i) (A) whose
29 preponderance of resources is directed to community services
30 programs that are different than intervention-oriented youth
31 services or (B) that creates through an amendment to its
32 by-laws or other binding agreement a specific body whose

1 purpose is to develop, manage, provide, and coordinate a
2 community services program and (ii) that includes
3 representation from any community committee, as defined by rule
4 of the Department of Human Services, of the area project and
5 may also include business and industry leaders, educators, and
6 other concerned citizens.

7 (c) The Department of Human Services shall fund community
8 services programs by grants made through negotiated contracts,
9 which are written agreements mutually agreed upon by the
10 Department and the area project. The payment of funds to area
11 projects under the community services program shall be in the
12 form of a grant paid in equal monthly installments. The
13 Department shall review such contracts in order to determine
14 that the area project is complying with the provisions of the
15 current contract and providing effective services which meet
16 the goals of the contract. Subsequent contracts may be
17 negotiated and renewed, based on the availability of funds, but
18 they shall not be open for bidding under a request-for-proposal
19 process. In all cases, the Secretary of Human Services or
20 designee shall make the final decision in the renewal of
21 community services contracts. In the event of reduced or
22 insufficient funding, existing grants shall receive
23 proportionate reductions. The funding of new programs shall be
24 based on the availability of new, additional funding.

25 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
26 becoming law.