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#### HB0675

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## SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

325 ILCS 20/11

from Ch. 23, par. 4161

Amends the Early Intervention Services System Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning family service plans.

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AN ACT concerning children.

# 2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 3 represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The Early Intervention Services System Act is
amended by changing Section 11 as follows:

6 (325 ILCS 20/11) (from Ch. 23, par. 4161)

Sec. 11. Individualized Family Service Plans.

8 (a) Each eligible infant or toddler <u>and</u> and that infant's
9 or toddler's family shall receive:

10 (1) timely, comprehensive, multidisciplinary 11 assessment of the unique needs of each eligible infant and 12 toddler, and assessment of the concerns and priorities of 13 the families to appropriately assist them in meeting their 14 needs and identify services to meet those needs; and

(2) a written Individualized Family Service Plan 15 16 developed by a multidisciplinary team which includes the 17 parent or quardian. The individualized family service plan shall be based on the multidisciplinary team's assessment 18 19 of the resources, priorities, and concerns of the family 20 and its identification of the supports and services necessary to enhance the family's capacity to meet the 21 22 developmental needs of the infant or toddler, and shall include the identification of services appropriate to meet 23

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those needs, including the frequency, intensity, 1 and 2 method of delivering services. During and as part of the initial development of the individualized family services 3 any periodic reviews of the plan, 4 plan, and the multidisciplinary team shall consult the lead agency's 5 therapy guidelines and its designated experts, if any, to 6 7 help determine appropriate services and the frequency and 8 intensity of those services. All services in the 9 individualized family services plan must be justified by 10 the multidisciplinary assessment of the unique strengths 11 and needs of the infant or toddler and must be appropriate 12 to meet those needs. At the periodic reviews, the team 13 shall determine whether modification or revision of the 14 outcomes or services is necessary.

15 (b) The Individualized Family Service Plan shall be 16 evaluated once a year and the family shall be provided a review 17 the Plan at 6 month intervals or more often where of appropriate based on infant or toddler and family needs. The 18 19 lead agency shall create a quality review process regarding 20 Individualized Family Service Plan development and changes 21 thereto, to monitor and help assure that resources are being 22 used to provide appropriate early intervention services.

(c) The evaluation and initial assessment and initial Plan meeting must be held within 45 days after the initial contact with the early intervention services system. With parental consent, early intervention services may commence before the 1 completion of the comprehensive assessment and development of 2 the Plan.

(d) Parents must be informed that, at their discretion, 3 early intervention services shall be provided to each eligible 4 5 infant and toddler in the natural environment, which may include the home or other community settings. Parents shall 6 7 make the final decision to accept or decline early intervention services. A decision to decline such services shall not be a 8 9 basis for administrative determination of parental fitness, or 10 other findings or sanctions against the parents. Parameters of 11 the Plan shall be set forth in rules.

12 (e) The regional intake offices shall explain to each13 family, orally and in writing, all of the following:

(1) That the early intervention program will pay for
all early intervention services set forth in the
individualized family service plan that are not covered or
paid under the family's public or private insurance plan or
policy and not eligible for payment through any other third
party payor.

(2) That services will not be delayed due to any rules
or restrictions under the family's insurance plan or
policy.

(3) That the family may request, with appropriate
documentation supporting the request, a determination of
an exemption from private insurance use under Section
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1 (4) That responsibility for co-payments or 2 co-insurance under a family's private insurance plan or 3 policy will be transferred to the lead agency's central 4 billing office.

5 (5) That families will be responsible for payments of family fees, which will be based on a sliding scale 6 7 according to income, and that these fees are payable to the 8 central billing office, and that if the family encounters a 9 catastrophic circumstance, as defined under subsection (f) 10 of Section 13 of this Act, making it unable to pay the 11 fees, the lead agency may, upon proof of inability to pay, 12 waive the fees.

(f) The individualized family service plan must state whether the family has private insurance coverage and, if the family has such coverage, must have attached to it a copy of the family's insurance identification card or otherwise include all of the following information:

18 (1) The name, address, and telephone number of the19 insurance carrier.

20 (2) The contract number and policy number of the21 insurance plan.

(3) The name, address, and social security number ofthe primary insured.

(4) The beginning date of the insurance benefit year.
(g) A copy of the individualized family service plan must
be provided to each enrolled provider who is providing early

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1 intervention services to the child who is the subject of that 2 plan.

3 (h) Children receiving services under this Act shall 4 receive a smooth and effective transition by their third 5 birthday consistent with federal regulations adopted pursuant 6 to Sections 1431 through 1444 of Title 20 of the United States 7 Code.

8 (Source: P.A. 97-902, eff. 8-6-12.)