

1 AN ACT concerning education.

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

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section
5 14-1.09.2 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/14-1.09.2)

7 Sec. 14-1.09.2. School Social Work Services. In the public
8 schools, social work services may be provided by qualified
9 specialists who hold Type 73 School Service Personnel
10 Certificates endorsed for school social work issued by the
11 State Teacher Certification Board or who hold a Professional
12 Educator License with a school support personnel endorsement in
13 the area of school social worker under Section 21B-25 of this
14 Code.

15 School social work services may include, but are not
16 limited to:

17 (1) Identifying students in need of special education
18 services by conducting a social-developmental study in a
19 case study evaluation;

20 (2) Developing and implementing comprehensive
21 interventions with students, parents, and teachers that
22 will enhance student adjustment to, and performance in, the
23 school setting;

1 (3) Consulting and collaborating with teachers and
2 other school personnel regarding behavior management and
3 intervention plans and inclusion in support of special
4 education students in regular classroom settings;

5 (4) Counseling with students, parents, and teachers in
6 accordance with the rules and regulations governing
7 provision of related services, provided that parent
8 permission must be obtained in writing before a student
9 participates in a group counseling session;

10 (5) Acting as a liaison between the public schools and
11 community resources;

12 (6) Developing and implementing school-based
13 prevention programs, including mediation and violence
14 prevention, implementing social and emotional education
15 programs and services, and establishing and implementing
16 bullying prevention and intervention programs;

17 (7) Providing crisis intervention within the school
18 setting;

19 (8) Supervising school social work interns enrolled in
20 school social work programs that meet the standards
21 established by the State Board of Education;

22 (9) Providing parent education and counseling as
23 appropriate in relation to the child's educational
24 assessment; ~~and~~

25 (10) Assisting in completing a functional behavioral
26 assessment, as well as assisting in the development of

1 nonaversive behavioral intervention strategies; ~~and~~

2 (11) Evaluating program effectiveness.

3 Nothing in this Section prohibits other certified
4 professionals from providing any of the services listed in this
5 Section for which they are appropriately trained.

6 (Source: P.A. 92-362, eff. 8-15-01; 92-651, eff. 7-11-02.)

7 Section 10. The Children's Mental Health Act of 2003 is
8 amended by changing Section 15 as follows:

9 (405 ILCS 49/15)

10 Sec. 15. Mental health and schools.

11 (a) The Illinois State Board of Education shall develop and
12 implement a plan to incorporate social and emotional
13 development standards as part of the Illinois Learning
14 Standards for the purpose of enhancing and measuring children's
15 school readiness and ability to achieve academic success. The
16 plan shall be submitted to the Governor, the General Assembly,
17 and the Partnership by December 31, 2004.

18 (b) Every Illinois school district shall develop a policy
19 for incorporating social and emotional development into the
20 district's educational program. The policy shall address
21 teaching and assessing social and emotional skills and
22 protocols for responding to children with social, emotional, or
23 mental health problems, or a combination of such problems, that
24 impact learning ability. School social workers may implement a

1 continuum of social and emotional education programs and
2 services in accordance with students' needs. Each district must
3 submit this policy to the Illinois State Board of Education by
4 August 31, 2004.

5 (Source: P.A. 93-495, eff. 8-8-03.)

6 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
7 becoming law.