98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2013 and 2014

SB3468

Introduced 2/14/2014, by Sen. Kirk W. Dillard

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

405 ILCS 5/3-504

from Ch. 91 1/2, par. 3-504

Amends the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Code. Provides that a peace officer may take a minor into custody and transport the minor to a mental health facility when the peace officer has reasonable grounds (deletes that the officer's reasons must be the result of his or her personal observation) to believe that the minor is eligible for admission under the Code and is in a condition that immediate hospitalization is necessary in order to protect the minor or others from physical harm. Effective immediately.

LRB098 18193 RLC 53322 b

FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

SB3468

AN ACT concerning health.

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

4 Section 5. The Mental Health and Developmental 5 Disabilities Code is amended by changing Section 3-504 as follows: 6

7 (405 ILCS 5/3-504) (from Ch. 91 1/2, par. 3-504)

8 Sec. 3-504. Minors; emergency admissions.

9 (a) A minor who is eligible for admission under Section 3-503 and who is in a condition that immediate hospitalization 10 11 is necessary may be admitted upon the application of a parent 12 or guardian, or person in loco parentis, or of an interested 13 person 18 years of age or older when, after diligent effort, 14 the minor's parent, quardian or person in loco parentis cannot be located or refuses to consent to admission. Following 15 16 admission of the minor, the facility director of the mental 17 health facility shall continue efforts to locate the minor's parent, guardian or person in loco parentis. If that person is 18 19 located and consents in writing to the admission, the minor may 20 continue to be hospitalized. However, upon notification of the 21 admission, the parent, guardian or person in loco parentis may 22 request the minor's discharge subject to the provisions of Section 3-508. 23

1

SB3468

(b) A peace officer may take a minor into custody and 1 2 transport the minor to a mental health facility when, as a result of his personal observation, the peace officer has 3 reasonable grounds to believe that the minor is eligible for 4 5 admission under Section 3-503 and is in a condition that 6 immediate hospitalization is necessary in order to protect the minor or others from physical harm. Upon arrival at the 7 facility, the peace officer shall complete an application under 8 9 Section 3-503 and shall further include a detailed statement of 10 the reason for the assertion that immediate hospitalization is 11 necessary, including a description of any acts or significant 12 threats supporting the assertion, the time and place of the 13 occurrence of those acts or threats, and the names, addresses and telephone numbers of other witnesses of those acts or 14 15 threats.

16 (c) If no parent, guardian or person in loco parentis can 17 be found within 3 days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays or 18 holidays, after the admission of a minor, or if that person 19 refuses either to consent to admission of the minor or to 20 request his discharge, a petition shall be filed under the 21 Juvenile Court Act of 1987 to ensure that appropriate 22 guardianship is provided.

(d) If, however, a court finds, based on the evaluation by a psychiatrist, licensed clinical social worker, licensed clinical professional counselor, or licensed clinical psychologist or the testimony or other information offered by a parent, guardian, person acting in loco parentis or other interested adults, that it is necessary in order to complete an examination of a minor, the court may order that the minor be admitted to a mental health facility pending examination and may order a peace officer or other person to transport the minor to the facility.

(e) If a parent, guardian, or person acting in loco 7 8 parentis is unable to transport a minor to a mental health 9 facility for examination, the parent, guardian, or person 10 acting in loco parentis may petition the court to compel a 11 peace officer to take the minor into custody and transport the 12 minor to a mental health facility for examination. The court may grant the order if the court finds, based on the evaluation 13 14 by a psychiatrist, licensed clinical social worker, licensed 15 clinical professional counselor, or licensed clinical 16 psychologist or the testimony of a parent, guardian, or person 17 acting in loco parentis that the examination is necessary and that the assistance of a peace officer is required to 18 effectuate admission of the minor to a mental health facility. 19

(f) Within 24 hours after admission under this Section, a psychiatrist or clinical psychologist who has personally examined the minor shall certify in writing that the minor meets the standard for admission. If no certificate is furnished, the minor shall be discharged immediately.

25 (Source: P.A. 95-804, eff. 8-12-08.)

26 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon

SB3468

SB3468

1 becoming law.