



## 99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2015 and 2016

**HB4425**

by Rep. Robert W. Pritchard

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

325 ILCS 5/4.4b new

Amends the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act. Requires the Department of Children and Family Services to determine the military status of each parent or guardian who is named as the alleged perpetrator in a child abuse or neglect report. Provides that if the Department determines that a child's parent or guardian is a service member, the Department shall notify a Department of Defense Family Advocacy Program that there is an allegation of abuse or neglect against the parent or guardian that is open for investigation.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning children.

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

4 Section 5. The Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act is  
5 amended by adding Section 4.4b as follows:

6 (325 ILCS 5/4.4b new)

7 Sec. 4.4b. Department of Children and Family Services' duty  
8 to report to a Department of Defense Family Advocacy Program.  
9 Whenever the Department receives, by means of its statewide  
10 toll-free telephone number established under Section 7.6 for  
11 the purpose of reporting suspected child abuse or neglect or by  
12 any other means or from any mandated reporter under Section 4  
13 of this Act, a report of suspected abuse or neglect of a child  
14 and the child's parent or guardian is named in the report as  
15 the alleged perpetrator of the child abuse or neglect, the  
16 Department shall make efforts as soon as practicable to  
17 determine the military status of the parent or guardian. If the  
18 Department determines that the parent or guardian is a service  
19 member, the Department shall notify a Department of Defense  
20 Family Advocacy Program that there is an allegation of abuse or  
21 neglect against the parent or guardian that is open for  
22 investigation.

23 As used in this Section, "service member" means an Illinois

1 resident who is a member of any component of the United States  
2 Armed Forces, including the Illinois National Guard or any  
3 reserve component of the United States Armed Forces.