



99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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SB1751

Introduced 2/20/2015, by Sen. Julie A. Morrison

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 505/5.05 new

Amends the Children and Family Services Act. Provides that by January 1, 2016, the Department of Children and Family Services shall convene a multi-disciplinary workgroup to review treatment programs for youth in the Department's care who are victims of sex trafficking and to make recommendations regarding a continuum of care for these vulnerable youth. Requires the workgroup to: (1) review existing models of treatment programs available in the State and outside the State for youth in the Department's care who are victims of sex trafficking and consider whether the programs have been subject to evaluation; (2) evaluate the need for new programs in the State; (3) review existing State laws and rules that permit children to be placed in secured therapeutic residential care; and (4) make recommendations regarding a continuum of care for children in the Department's care who are victims of sex trafficking. Contains provisions concerning the composition of the workgroup and the workgroup's access to certain records and information held by the Department. Requires the workgroup to submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly by January 1, 2017. Requires the Department to implement the workgroup's recommendations, as feasible and appropriate, by March 1, 2017 and to submit a report to the General Assembly explaining its decision to implement or to not implement each of the workgroup's recommendations.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

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

4 Section 1. The Children and Family Services Act is amended
5 by adding Section 5.05 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 505/5.05 new)

7 Sec. 5.05. Victims of sex trafficking.

8 (a) Legislative findings. Because of their histories of
9 trauma, youth in the care of the Department of Children and
10 Family Services are particularly vulnerable to sex
11 traffickers. Sex traffickers often target child care
12 facilities licensed by the Department to recruit their victims.
13 Foster children who are victims of sex trafficking present
14 unique treatment needs that existing treatment programs are not
15 always able to address. The Department of Children and Family
16 Services needs to develop a comprehensive strategy and
17 continuum of care to treat foster children who are identified
18 as victims of sex trafficking.

19 (b) Multi-disciplinary workgroup. By January 1, 2016, the
20 Department shall convene a multi-disciplinary workgroup to
21 review treatment programs for youth in the Department's care
22 who are victims of sex trafficking and to make recommendations
23 regarding a continuum of care for these vulnerable youth. The

1 workgroup shall do all of the following:

2 (1) Review existing models of treatment programs
3 available in the State and outside the State for youth in
4 the Department's care who are victims of sex trafficking
5 and consider whether the programs have been subject to
6 evaluation.

7 (2) Evaluate the need for new programs in the State,
8 taking into account that youth in the Department's care who
9 are victims of sex trafficking can present a variety of
10 additional needs, including mental illness, medical needs,
11 emotional disturbance, and cognitive delays.

12 (3) Review existing State laws and rules that permit
13 children to be placed in secured therapeutic residential
14 care and recommend (i) whether secured residential care
15 should be part of a continuum of care in the State for
16 foster youth who have been sexually trafficked and who
17 repeatedly run away from treatment facilities, and if so,
18 whether any amendments to existing State laws and rules
19 should be made; and (ii) the circumstances under which
20 youth should be considered for placement in secured
21 therapeutic residential care.

22 (4) Make recommendations regarding a continuum of care
23 for children in the Department's care who are victims of
24 sex trafficking.

25 (c) Composition of workgroup. The workgroup shall consist
26 of a minimum of:

1 (1) two representatives of the Department, including
2 at least one who is familiar with child care facilities
3 licensed by the Department under the Child Care Act of 1969
4 that provide residential services;

5 (2) one representative of a child advocacy
6 organization;

7 (3) one licensed clinician with expertise in working
8 with youth in the Department's care;

9 (4) one licensed clinician with expertise in working
10 with youth who are victims of sex trafficking;

11 (5) one board-certified child and adolescent
12 psychiatrist;

13 (6) two persons representing providers of residential
14 treatment programs operating in the State;

15 (7) two persons representing providers of adolescent
16 foster care or specialized foster care programs operating
17 in the State;

18 (8) one representative of the Department of Children
19 and Family Services' Statewide Youth Advisory Board;

20 (9) one representative of an agency independent of the
21 Department who has experience in providing treatment to
22 children and youth who are victims of sex trafficking; and

23 (10) one representative of a law enforcement agency
24 that works with youth who are victims of sex trafficking.

25 (d) Records and information. Upon request, the Department
26 shall provide the workgroup with all records and information in

1 the Department's possession that are relevant to the
2 workgroup's review of existing programs and to the workgroup's
3 review of the need for new programs for victims of sex
4 trafficking. The Department shall redact any confidential
5 information from the records and information provided to the
6 workgroup to maintain the confidentiality of persons served by
7 the Department.

8 (e) Workgroup report. The workgroup shall provide a report
9 to the General Assembly no later than January 1, 2017 with its
10 findings and recommendations.

11 (f) Department report. No later than March 1, 2017, the
12 Department shall implement the workgroup's recommendations, as
13 feasible and appropriate, and shall submit a written report to
14 the General Assembly that explains the Department's decision to
15 implement or to not implement each of the workgroup's
16 recommendations.