

1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 3062

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 3062 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Child Care Act of 1969 is amended by
5 adding Section 7.3 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 10/7.3 new)

7 Sec. 7.3. Children placed by private child welfare
8 agency.

9 (a) Before placing a child who is a ward of the
10 Department in a foster family home, a private child welfare
11 agency must ascertain (i) whether any other children who are
12 wards of the Department have been placed in that home and
13 (ii) whether every such child who has been placed in that
14 home continues to reside in that home, unless the child has
15 been transferred to another placement or is no longer a ward
16 of the Department. The agency must keep a record of every
17 other child welfare agency that has placed such a child in
18 that foster family home; the record must include the name and
19 telephone number of a contact person at each such agency.

20 (b) At least once every 30 days, a private child welfare
21 agency that places wards of the Department in foster family
22 homes must make a site visit to every such home where it has

1 placed a ward. The purpose of the site visit is to verify
2 that the child continues to reside in that home and to verify
3 the child's safety and well-being. The agency must document
4 the verification in its records. If a private child welfare
5 agency fails to comply with the requirements of this
6 subsection, the Department must suspend all payments to the
7 agency until the agency complies.

8 (c) The Department must periodically (but no less often
9 than once every 6 months) review the child placement records
10 of each private child welfare agency that places wards of the
11 Department.

12 (d) If a child placed in a foster family home is
13 missing, the foster parent must promptly report that fact to
14 the Department or to the child welfare agency that placed the
15 child in the home. If the foster parent fails to make such a
16 report, the Department shall put the home on hold for the
17 placement of other children and initiate corrective action
18 that may include revocation of the foster parent's license to
19 operate the foster family home. A foster parent who knowingly
20 and willfully fails to report a missing foster child under
21 this subsection is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.

22 (e) If a private child welfare agency determines that a
23 ward of the Department whom it has placed in a foster family
24 home no longer resides in that home, the agency must promptly
25 report that fact to the Department. If the agency fails to
26 make such a report, the Department shall put the agency on
27 hold for the placement of other children and initiate
28 corrective action that may include revocation of the agency's
29 license.

30 (f) When a child is missing from a foster home, the
31 Department or private agency in charge of case management
32 shall report regularly to the foster parent concerning
33 efforts to locate the missing child.

34 (g) The Department must strive to account for the status

1 and whereabouts of every one of its wards who it determines
2 is not residing in the authorized placement in which he or
3 she was placed.

4 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
5 becoming law."