

AN ACT concerning children.

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

Section 5. The Children and Family Services Act is amended by adding Section 2.2 as follows:

(20 ILCS 505/2.2 new)

Sec. 2.2. Annual reports on youth in care waiting for placement. No later than December 31, 2018, and on December 31 of each year thereafter through December 31, 2023, the Department shall prepare and submit an annual report, covering the previous fiscal year, to the General Assembly regarding youth in care waiting for placements. The report shall include:

(1) the number of youth in care who remained in emergency placements, including but not limited to shelters and emergency foster homes, for longer than 30 days, their genders and ages, their recommended placement type, the total length of time each youth remained in emergency care, the barriers to timely placement, and whether they were placed in the recommended placement type after they were removed from the emergency placement, and if not, what type of placement they were placed in;

(2) the number of youth in care who remained in psychiatric hospitals beyond the time they were clinically

ready for discharge or beyond medical necessity, whichever is sooner, their genders and ages, their recommended placement type, the total length of time each youth remained psychiatrically hospitalized beyond necessity, the barriers to timely placement, and whether they were placed in the recommended placement type after they were removed from the psychiatric hospital, and if not, what type of placement they were placed in;

(3) the number of youth in care who remained in a detention center or Department of Juvenile Justice facility solely because the Department cannot locate an appropriate placement for the youth, their genders and ages, their recommended placement type, the total length of time each youth remained in the detention center or Department of Juvenile Justice facility after they could have been released, the barriers to timely placement, and whether they were placed in the recommended placement type after being released from detention of the Juvenile Justice facility, and if not, what type of placement they were placed in;

(4) a description of how the Department collected the information reported and any difficulties the Department had in collecting the information and whether there are concerns about the validity of the information; and

(5) a description of any steps the Department is taking to reduce the length of time youth in care wait in

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psychiatric hospitals, emergency placements, detention centers, and Department of Juvenile Justice facilities for clinically appropriate placements.