

1 AN ACT concerning criminal law.

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

4 Section 5. The Unified Code of Corrections is amended by
5 changing Section 3-2-3 and by adding Section 3-2-5.5 as
6 follows:

7 (730 ILCS 5/3-2-3) (from Ch. 38, par. 1003-2-3)

8 Sec. 3-2-3. Director; Appointment; Powers and Duties.

9 (a) The Department shall be administered by the Director of
10 Corrections who shall be appointed by the Governor in
11 accordance with The Civil Administrative Code of Illinois.

12 (b) The Director shall establish such Divisions within the
13 Department in addition to those established under Sections
14 ~~Section~~ 3-2-5 and 3-2-5.5 as shall be desirable and shall
15 assign to the various Divisions the responsibilities and duties
16 placed in the Department by the laws of this State.

17 (Source: P.A. 77-2097.)

18 (730 ILCS 5/3-2-5.5 new)

19 Sec. 3-2-5.5. Women's Division.

20 (a) As used in this Section:

21 "Gender-responsive" means taking into account gender
22 specific differences that have been identified in

1 women-centered research, including, but not limited to,
2 socialization, psychological development, strengths, risk
3 factors, pathways through systems, responses to treatment
4 intervention, and other unique gender specific needs
5 facing justice-involved women. Gender responsive policies,
6 practices, programs, and services shall be implemented in a
7 manner that is considered relational, culturally
8 competent, family-centered, holistic, strength-based, and
9 trauma-informed.

10 "Trauma-informed practices" means practices
11 incorporating gender violence research and the impact of
12 all forms of trauma in designing and implementing policies,
13 practices, processes, programs, and services that involve
14 understanding, recognizing, and responding to the effects
15 of all types of trauma with emphasis on physical,
16 psychological, and emotional safety.

17 (b) The Department shall create a permanent Women's
18 Division under the direct supervision of the Director. The
19 Women's Division shall have statewide authority and
20 operational oversight for all of the Department's women's
21 correctional centers and women's adult transition centers.

22 (c) The Director shall appoint a Chief Administrator for
23 the Women's Division who has received nationally recognized
24 specialized training in gender-responsive and trauma-informed
25 practices. The Chief Administrator shall be responsible for:

26 (1) management and supervision of all employees

1 assigned to the Women's Division correctional centers and
2 adult transition centers;

3 (2) development and implementation of evidenced-based,
4 gender-responsive, and trauma-informed practices that
5 govern Women's Division operations and programs;

6 (3) development of the Women's Division training,
7 orientation, and cycle curriculum, which shall be updated
8 as needed to align with gender responsive and
9 trauma-informed practices;

10 (4) training all staff assigned to the Women's Division
11 correctional centers and adult transition centers on
12 gender-responsive and trauma-informed practices;

13 (5) implementation of validated gender-responsive
14 classification and placement instruments;

15 (6) implementation of a gender-responsive risk,
16 assets, and needs assessment tool and case management
17 system for the Women's Division;

18 (7) implementation of gender-responsive approaches to
19 discipline and sanctions; and

20 (8) collaborating with the Chief Administrator of
21 Parole to ensure staff responsible for supervision of
22 females under mandatory supervised release are
23 appropriately trained in evidence-based practices in
24 community supervision, gender-responsive practices, and
25 trauma-informed practices.