

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

6 (20 ILCS 505/5.05)

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) Conduct a survey of literature and of existing  
3 treatment program models available in the State and outside  
4 the State for youth in the Department's care who are  
5 victims of sex trafficking, taking into account whether the  
6 programs have been subject to 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.

17 (g) Specialized placements. No later than July 1, 2019, the  
18 Department shall enter into contracts with public or private  
19 agencies or shall complete development for specialized  
20 placements for youth in the Department's care who are victims  
21 of sex trafficking. Such specialized placements may include,  
22 but not be limited to, licensed foster homes, group homes,  
23 residential facilities, and secure residential facilities that  
24 specialize in providing treatment to children who are victims  
25 of sex trafficking.

26 (Source: P.A. 99-350, eff. 1-1-16.)