

SB2550



100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Introduced 2/6/2018, by Sen. Heather A. Steans

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 505/17

from Ch. 23, par. 5017

Amends the Children and Family Services Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the Youth and Community Services Program.

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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 5. The Children and Family Services Act is amended
5 by changing Section 17 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 505/17) (from Ch. 23, par. 5017)

7 Sec. 17. Youth and Community Services Program. The ~~The~~
8 Department of Human Services shall develop a State program for
9 youth and community services which will assure that youth who
10 come into contact or may come into contact with the child
11 welfare and the juvenile justice systems will have access to
12 needed community, prevention, diversion, emergency and
13 independent living services. The term "youth" means a person
14 under the age of 19 years. The term "homeless youth" means a
15 youth who cannot be reunited with his or her family and is not
16 in a safe and stable living situation. This Section shall not
17 be construed to require the Department of Human Services to
18 provide services under this Section to any homeless youth who
19 is at least 18 years of age but is younger than 19 years of age;
20 however, the Department may, in its discretion, provide
21 services under this Section to any such homeless youth.

22 (a) The goals of the program shall be to:

23 (1) maintain children and youths in their own

1 community;

2 (2) eliminate unnecessary categorical funding of
3 programs by funding more comprehensive and integrated
4 programs;

5 (3) encourage local volunteers and voluntary
6 associations in developing programs aimed at preventing
7 and controlling juvenile delinquency;

8 (4) address voids in services and close service gaps;

9 (5) develop program models aimed at strengthening the
10 relationships between youth and their families and aimed at
11 developing healthy, independent lives for homeless youth;

12 (6) contain costs by redirecting funding to more
13 comprehensive and integrated community-based services; and

14 (7) coordinate education, employment, training and
15 other programs for youths with other State agencies.

16 (b) The duties of the Department under the program shall be
17 to:

18 (1) design models for service delivery by local
19 communities;

20 (2) test alternative systems for delivering youth
21 services;

22 (3) develop standards necessary to achieve and
23 maintain, on a statewide basis, more comprehensive and
24 integrated community-based youth services;

25 (4) monitor and provide technical assistance to local
26 boards and local service systems;

1 (5) assist local organizations in developing programs
2 which address the problems of youths and their families
3 through direct services, advocacy with institutions, and
4 improvement of local conditions; and

5 (6) develop a statewide adoption awareness campaign
6 aimed at pregnant teenagers.

7 (Source: P.A. 89-507, eff. 7-1-97.)