



## 101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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HB5241

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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

405 ILCS 30/4.3

Amends the Community Services Act. Removes language requiring the Department of Human Services to establish a Family Support Services Voucher Pilot Program and instead requires the Department to coordinate and fund the Voucher Respite Program. Provides that the Voucher Respite Program shall be a subset of specified programs with the exception that administration of the Program shall not be limited to agencies that provide respite services. Provides that the purpose of the Program is to increase the number of families who are able to access respite services; provide families with greater flexibility over services; and prevent or delay the need for more intensive long-term care and support. Makes other conforming changes. Effective July 1, 2020.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning mental health.

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

4 Section 5. The Community Services Act is amended by  
5 changing Section 4.3 as follows:

6 (405 ILCS 30/4.3)

7 Sec. 4.3. Voucher Respite Program ~~Family Support Services~~  
8 ~~Voucher Pilot Program.~~

9 (a) In this Section:

10 "Family member" means a family member as defined by rules  
11 adopted by the Department of Human Services.

12 "Voucher respite services" ~~"Family support services"~~ means  
13 the services and activities described in subsection (d).

14 (b) The Department of Human Services shall coordinate and  
15 fund the ~~establish a Family Support Services~~ Voucher Respite  
16 Pilot Program which shall be a subset ~~conversion~~ of the  
17 programs ~~program~~ defined in Section 4.1 with the exception that  
18 administration of the Voucher Respite Program shall not be  
19 limited to agencies that provide respite services. The Voucher  
20 Respite Program may be administered by entities meeting the  
21 standards outlined by the Department. The Department shall  
22 establish Voucher Respite contracts with community entities  
23 throughout the State in order to meet the service needs of

1 families. ~~The Department may establish no more than 5 pilot~~  
2 ~~programs.~~

3 (c) The purpose of the Voucher Respite Program ~~the pilot~~  
4 ~~program~~ is to do the following:

5 (1) Increase the number of families who are able to  
6 access respite ~~family support~~ services.

7 (2) Provide families with greater flexibility ~~control~~  
8 over ~~family support~~ services.

9 (3) Ensure that the diverse family support services  
10 needs of families can be accommodated.

11 (4) Prevent or delay the need for more intensive  
12 long-term care and support. ~~Encourage a family's~~  
13 ~~contribution toward payment for the family support~~  
14 ~~services they receive.~~

15 (5) (Blank). ~~Serve as a pilot program to evaluate the~~  
16 ~~merits of a family support services voucher program in~~  
17 ~~comparison to the traditional respite program.~~

18 (d) The Department shall contract with community entities  
19 ~~agencies~~ to issue vouchers to participating families, or to  
20 employ a voucher-like method that similarly makes services  
21 available based on the choice of families. A family may use the  
22 vouchers to purchase the following services and activities or  
23 to otherwise provide for those services and activities:

24 (1) Services of an in-home caregiver to supervise the  
25 family member with a developmental disability in the home  
26 or in the community or both when other family members are

1 not present.

2 (2) Services of a person to accompany the family member  
3 with a developmental disability on outings, community  
4 activities, and similar activities.

5 (3) Registration of the family member with a  
6 developmental disability in park district programs,  
7 extracurricular school activities, community college  
8 classes, and other similar types of community-based  
9 programs.

10 (4) Services of home health care personnel if medical  
11 training or expertise is required to meet the needs of the  
12 family member with a developmental disability.

13 (e) Families may employ the following types of individuals  
14 to provide family support services:

15 (1) Related family members who do not reside in the  
16 same home as the family member with a developmental  
17 disability.

18 (2) Friends or neighbors whom the family designates as  
19 capable of meeting the needs of the family member with a  
20 developmental disability.

21 (3) Individuals recruited from the community (for  
22 example, church members or college students).

23 (4) Individuals who work with the family member with a  
24 developmental disability in a different capacity (for  
25 example, classroom aide or day program staff).

26 (5) Persons whose services are contracted for through a

1 home health agency licensed under the Home Health, Home  
2 Services, and Home Nursing Agency Licensing Act.

3 (f) Voucher respite services ~~Family support services~~  
4 moneys under the ~~pilot~~ program may not be used to purchase or  
5 provide for any of the following services or activities:

6 (1) Out-of-home medical services.

7 (2) Medical, therapeutic, or developmental  
8 evaluations.

9 (3) Any product or item (for example, sports equipment,  
10 therapeutic devices, or clothing).

11 (4) Respite ~~Family support~~ services provided by a  
12 family member whose primary residence is the same as that  
13 of the family member with a developmental disability.

14 (5) Services of a person to accompany the family on an  
15 overnight trip.

16 (6) Any service or activity that should be provided by  
17 the school in which the family member with a developmental  
18 disability is enrolled or that occurs as part of that  
19 school's typical school routine.

20 (7) Child care services while the primary caretaker  
21 works.

22 (g) (Blank) ~~The Department of Human Services shall submit a~~  
23 ~~report to the General Assembly by March 1, 2000 evaluating the~~  
24 ~~merits of the pilot program.~~

25 (Source: P.A. 94-379, eff. 1-1-06.)

26 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,

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