



101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2019 and 2020

SB3818

Introduced 2/14/2020, by Sen. Christopher Belt

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act
30 ILCS 805/8.44 new

Creates the Child Trauma Counseling Act. Defines terms. Provides that: (1) a day care center shall provide the services of a trauma counselor to a child, from birth through the fifth grade, enrolled and attending the day care center who has been identified as needing trauma counseling; and (2) a school shall provide the services of a trauma counselor to a child who is enrolled and attending Kindergarten through the fifth grade at that school and has been identified as needing trauma counseling. Provides that there shall be no cost for such trauma counseling to the parents or guardians of the child. Provides that a child is identified as needing trauma counseling if the child reports trauma to a day care center or a school or a parent or guardian of a child or employee of a day care center or a school reports that the child has experienced trauma. Provides for the adoption of rules to implement the Act and rules related to qualifications of trauma counselors working with children under the Act. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

STATE MANDATES
ACT MAY REQUIRE
REIMBURSEMENT

1 AN ACT concerning counseling.

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

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Child
5 Trauma Counseling Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions. As used in this Act:

7 "Day care center" has the meaning given to that term in
8 Section 2.09 of the Child Care Act of 1969.

9 "School" means a public or nonpublic elementary school.

10 "Trauma counselor" means a licensed professional
11 counselor, as that term is defined in Section 10 of the
12 Professional Counselor and Clinical Professional Counselor
13 Licensing and Practice Act, with experience in treating
14 childhood trauma or who has a certification relating to
15 treating childhood trauma.

16 Section 10. Trauma counseling through fifth grade.

17 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law:

18 (1) a day care center shall provide the services of a
19 trauma counselor to a child, from birth through the fifth
20 grade, enrolled and attending the day care center who has
21 been identified as needing trauma counseling; and

22 (2) a school shall provide the services of a trauma

1 counselor to a child who is enrolled and attending
2 Kindergarten through the fifth grade at that school and has
3 been identified as needing trauma counseling.

4 There shall be no cost for such trauma counseling to the
5 parents or guardians of the child.

6 (b) A child is identified as needing trauma counseling
7 under subsection (a) if the child reports trauma to a day care
8 center or a school or a parent or guardian of the child or
9 employee of a day care center or a school reports that the
10 child has experienced trauma.

11 Section 15. Rules.

12 (a) The Department of Children and Family Services shall
13 adopt rules to implement this Act. The Department shall seek
14 recommendations and advice from the State Board of Education as
15 to adoption of the Department's rules as they relate to
16 schools.

17 (b) The Department of Financial and Professional
18 Regulation may adopt rules regarding the qualifications of
19 trauma counselors working with children under this Act.

20 Section 90. The State Mandates Act is amended by adding
21 Section 8.44 as follows:

22 (30 ILCS 805/8.44 new)

23 Sec. 8.44. Exempt mandate. Notwithstanding Sections 6 and 8

1 of this Act, no reimbursement by the State is required for the
2 implementation of any mandate created by this amendatory Act of
3 the 101st General Assembly.