



102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2021 and 2022

SB3732

Introduced 1/21/2022, by Sen. Mattie Hunter

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the DCFS Child Protection Security Force Act. Creates the DCFS Child Protection Security Force within the Department of Children and Family Services. Requires the Department, in conjunction with the Illinois State Police, to establish criteria for the hiring of officers, education and training curriculum, and protocols for engagement with child protection workers and families. Provides that the Department shall have the authority, with Illinois State Police oversight, to adopt and amend any rules necessary to implement the Act. Requires the Security Force to work in coordination with the Department's Division of Child Protection under the direction of the Director of the Division of Child Protection. Provides that all child protection workers, after an initial investigation, may request Security Force engagement when there is the possibility of non-cooperation or violence by the family, relatives of the family, friends, partners, neighbors, or any other persons who seek to disrupt the orderly review, removal, or other action deemed necessary for the protection of the child.

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1 AN ACT concerning child protection workers.

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 DCFS
5 Child Protection Security Force Act.

6 Section 5. Finding and purpose. The Department of Children
7 and Family Services is the sole agency responsible for the
8 protection of children who are reported to be abused or
9 neglected and to increase their families' capacity to safely
10 care for them. Due to numerous factors, including the recent
11 murder of a child protection worker, the Child Protection
12 Security Force is created to protect child protection workers
13 while they are investigating and removing children in harm's
14 way from potential abuse or an abusive household.

15 Section 10. Definitions. As used in this Act:

16 "Department" means the Department of Children and Family
17 Services.

18 "Security Force" means the DCFS Child Protection Security
19 Force.

20 Section 15. DCFS Child Protection Security Force. The DCFS
21 Child Protection Security Force is created within the

1 Department. The Department, in conjunction with the Illinois
2 State Police, shall establish criteria for the hiring of
3 officers, education and training curriculum, and protocols for
4 engagement with child protection workers and families. The
5 Department shall have the authority, with Illinois State
6 Police oversight, to adopt and amend any rules necessary to
7 implement the provisions of this Act.

8 Section 20. Security Force engagement. The Security Force
9 shall work in coordination with the Department's Division of
10 Child Protection under the direction of the Director of the
11 Division of Child Protection. All child protection workers,
12 after an initial investigation, may request Security Force
13 engagement when there is the possibility of non-cooperation or
14 violence by the family, relatives of the family, friends,
15 partners, neighbors, or any other persons who seek to disrupt
16 the orderly review, removal, or other action deemed necessary
17 for the protection of the child.