



102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2021 and 2022

SB3853

Introduced 1/21/2022, by Sen. Julie A. Morrison

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 505/5.46 new

Amends the Children and Family Services Act. Provides that beginning January 1, 2023, the Department of Children and Family Services shall implement a 3-year pilot program of additional resources for families receiving Extended Family Support Program services from the Department for the purpose of supporting relative caregivers. Provides that these resources may include, but are not limited to: (i) wraparound case management services, (ii) home visiting services for caregivers with children under the age of 5, and (iii) parent mentors for caregivers with children over the age of 3. Provides that the resources provided by the pilot program are voluntary and refusing such resources shall not be used as evidence of neglect of a child. Requires the Department to arrange for an independent evaluation of the pilot program to determine whether the pilot program is successfully supporting families receiving Extended Family Support Program services and preventing entrance into the foster care system. Provides that the evaluation will support determining whether there is a long-term cost benefit to continuing the pilot program. Provides that at the end of the 3-year pilot program, the Department shall submit a report to the General Assembly with its findings of the evaluation. Requires the report to state whether the Department intends to continue the pilot program and the rationale for its decision. Grants the Department rulemaking authority. Effective immediately.

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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 adding Section 5.46 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 505/5.46 new)

7 Sec. 5.46. Extended Family Support Pilot Program.

8 Beginning January 1, 2023, the Department shall implement a
9 3-year pilot program of additional resources for families
10 receiving Extended Family Support Program services from the
11 Department for the purpose of supporting relative caregivers.
12 These resources may include, but are not limited to: (i)
13 wraparound case management services, (ii) home visiting
14 services for caregivers with children under the age of 5, and
15 (iii) parent mentors for caregivers with children over the age
16 of 3.

17 The resources provided by the pilot program are voluntary
18 and refusing such resources shall not be used as evidence of
19 neglect of a child.

20 The Department shall arrange for an independent evaluation
21 of the pilot program to determine whether the pilot program is
22 successfully supporting families receiving Extended Family
23 Support Program services and preventing entrance into the

1 foster care system. This evaluation will support determining
2 whether there is a long-term cost benefit to continuing the
3 pilot program.

4 At the end of the 3-year pilot program, the Department
5 shall submit a report to the General Assembly with its
6 findings of the evaluation. The report shall state whether the
7 Department intends to continue the pilot program and the
8 rationale for its decision.

9 The Department may adopt rules and procedures to implement
10 and administer this Section.

11 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
12 becoming law.