

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 Illinois Act on the Aging is amended by
5 adding Section 8.13 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 105/8.13 new)

7 Sec. 8.13. Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Pilot
8 Program.

9 (a) The Department shall establish and administer a
10 Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Pilot Program to operate in
11 Will County beginning January 1, 2024 through January 1, 2027.
12 The pilot program shall allow the Senior Services Center of
13 Will County to designate an intake coordinator for Will County
14 who shall help connect grandparents raising grandchildren to
15 relevant services and resources provided by the various State
16 agencies, including, but not limited to, services and
17 resources provided by the Department of Children and Family
18 Services, the Department of Human Services, the Department on
19 Aging, the Department of Healthcare and Family Services, and
20 the State Board of Education. The intake coordinator shall
21 provide services at local Senior Services Centers located in
22 Will County and shall work with the Department on Aging to
23 create a public awareness campaign on the services and

1 resources offered by each of the agencies. The intake
2 coordinator selected by the Department on Aging must be
3 knowledgeable on the following programs:

4 (1) The Extended Family Support Program administered
5 by the Department of Children and Family Services.

6 (2) The Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Program
7 administered by the Department on Aging.

8 (3) The Child Only Grants assistance component of the
9 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program
10 administered by the Department of Human Services.

11 (4) The Children Health Insurance Program administered
12 by the Department of Healthcare and Family Services.

13 (b) The intake coordinator must be given the contact
14 information for the designated point of contact for each State
15 agency listed in subsection (a). Each State agency's
16 designated point of contact shall provide educational
17 materials and training on the different programs provided by
18 the State agency. The intake coordinator may receive this
19 information within 14 days after his or her selection by the
20 Department on Aging in accordance with this Section.

21 (c) By January 1 of each year beginning in 2025 until the
22 pilot program terminates, the Department on Aging shall submit
23 an annual report to the General Assembly on the number of
24 families who received referrals to relevant services from the
25 intake coordinator during the prior calendar year, the
26 specific services each family was referred to and received,

1 and other related information on the frequency of calls and
2 visits to the office of the intake coordinator during the
3 reporting period.