

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) Subject to additional appropriations, the Department
10 shall establish and administer a Grandparents Raising
11 Grandchildren Pilot Program to operate in Will County
12 beginning January 1, 2024 through January 1, 2027. The pilot
13 program shall require the Senior Services Center of Will
14 County to designate a staff member to serve as an intake
15 coordinator for Will County who shall help connect
16 grandparents raising grandchildren to existing relevant
17 services and resources provided by the various State agencies,
18 including, but not limited to, services and resources provided
19 by the Department of Children and Family Services, the
20 Department of Human Services, the Department on Aging, the
21 Department of Healthcare and Family Services, and the State
22 Board of Education. The intake coordinator shall provide
23 services at local senior services centers in Will County that

1 are operated by the Senior Services Center of Will County and
2 shall work with the Department on Aging to create a public
3 awareness campaign on the services and resources offered by
4 each of the agencies. The intake coordinator shall maintain
5 records regarding the number of families who received
6 referrals, the specific services each family was referred to
7 and received, and the frequency of calls and visits. The
8 intake coordinator selected by the Senior Services Center of
9 Will County must be knowledgeable on the following programs:

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

12 (2) The Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Program
13 administered by the Department on Aging.

14 (3) The Child Only Grants assistance component of the
15 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program
16 administered by the Department of Human Services.

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

19 (b) The intake coordinator must be given the contact
20 information for the designated point of contact for each State
21 agency listed in subsection (a). Each State agency's
22 designated point of contact shall provide educational
23 materials and training on the different programs provided by
24 the State agency. The intake coordinator may receive this
25 information within 14 days after his or her selection by the
26 Senior Services Center of Will County in accordance with this

1 Section.

2 (c) By January 1 of each year beginning in 2025 until the
3 pilot program terminates, the Department on Aging shall submit
4 an annual report to the General Assembly on the number of
5 families who received referrals to relevant services from the
6 intake coordinator during the prior calendar year, the
7 specific services each family was referred to and received,
8 and other related information on the frequency of calls and
9 visits to the office of the intake coordinator during the
10 reporting period.