



## 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2023 and 2024

HB2517

Introduced 2/15/2023, by Rep. Maura Hirschauer

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 1305/10-68 new

Amends the Department of Human Services Act. Provides that subject to appropriation, the Department of Human Services shall establish a teen parent driver's license program to provide financial assistance for the cost of driver's education school training for eligible individuals and the cost to obtain a driver's license or permit. Requires the Department to solicit interest and cost distribution proposals from teen parent organizations to administer the program. Provides that upon the Department's approval, the teen parent organizations may subcontract with and pay money received under the program to the providers of the services as necessary to serve eligible individuals. Provides that the selected teen parent organizations must be operational no later than 30 days after entering into a contract with the Department. Provides that for purposes of selecting a teen parent organization before July 1, 2024, to administer the program, the selection process is not subject to the Illinois Procurement Code. Provides that for purposes of selecting a teen parent organization on or after July 1, 2024, the Department shall commence a selection process that complies with the Illinois Procurement Code. Requires the Department to submit a preliminary report on the program to the General Assembly for State Fiscal Year 2025. Requires the Department to submit annual reports to the General Assembly to be posted on the Department's website beginning State Fiscal Year 2026 and every State fiscal year thereafter. Sets forth the information that must be included in the reports. Provides that for State Fiscal Year 2025, funding for the program shall not exceed \$100,000; and that for State Fiscal Year 2026 and each State fiscal year thereafter, funding for the program shall not exceed whatever amount necessary to implement the program. Permits the Department to use up to 7.5% of any money appropriated by the General Assembly for administrative costs incurred by the Department. Grants the Department rulemaking authority.

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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 Department of Human Services Act is amended  
5 by adding Section 10-68 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 1305/10-68 new)

7 Sec. 10-68. Teen parent driver's license program.

8 (a) As used in this Section:

9 "Eligible individual" means an individual who is:

10 (1) fifteen years of age or older and under 20 years of  
11 age; and

12 (2) a parent.

13 "Program" means the teen parent driver's license program  
14 created in subsection (b).

15 (b) Subject to appropriation, the Department shall  
16 establish a teen parent driver's license program to provide  
17 financial assistance for the cost of driver's education school  
18 training for eligible individuals and the cost to obtain a  
19 driver's license or permit.

20 (c) (1) The Department shall solicit interest and cost  
21 distribution proposals from teen parent organizations to  
22 administer the program. Upon the Department's approval, the  
23 teen parent organizations may subcontract with and pay money

1 received under this Section to the providers of the services  
2 as necessary to serve eligible individuals. The selected teen  
3 parent organizations must be operational no later than 30 days  
4 after entering into a contract with the Department.

5 (2) For purposes of selecting a teen parent organization  
6 before July 1, 2024, to administer the program, the selection  
7 process described in paragraph (1) is not subject to the  
8 Illinois Procurement Code. For purposes of selecting a teen  
9 parent organization on or after July 1, 2024, the Department  
10 shall commence a selection process that complies with the  
11 Illinois Procurement Code.

12 (d) The Department may adopt rules for the implementation  
13 of this Section.

14 (e) For State Fiscal Year 2025, the Department shall  
15 submit a preliminary report on the program to the General  
16 Assembly by no later than December 31, 2025. For State Fiscal  
17 Year 2026, and each State fiscal year thereafter, no later  
18 than December 31 of each calendar year the Department shall  
19 submit to the General Assembly and post on its website a report  
20 that includes, at a minimum, the following information for the  
21 fiscal year reporting period:

22 (1) the total number of teen parent organizations  
23 contracted with the Department in accordance with  
24 subsection (c), including any subcontractors;

25 (2) the total amount of money awarded to each teen  
26 parent organization;

1           (3) the location of each teen parent organization and  
2           the counties served;

3           (4) the total number of eligible individuals who  
4           received driver's licenses each year, disaggregated by  
5           each month; and

6           (5) the total number of eligible individuals who  
7           received training from a driver's education school,  
8           disaggregated by each month.

9           (f) (1) For State Fiscal Year 2025, funding for the program  
10          shall not exceed \$100,000. For the State Fiscal Year 2026 and  
11          each State fiscal year thereafter, funding for the program  
12          shall not exceed whatever amount necessary to implement the  
13          program.

14          (2) The Department may use up to 7.5% of any money  
15          appropriated by the General Assembly for administrative costs  
16          incurred by the Department in accordance with this Section.