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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 505/5.48 new
20 ILCS 505/5.49 new
20 ILCS 505/5.50 new

Amends the Children and Family Services Act. Provides that the Department of Children and Family Services, in conjunction with the Department of Human Services, shall develop a comprehensive list of children and youth under the age of 18 who are diagnosed with intellectual and developmental disabilities or with a mental illness and are referred to a children's group home, an Illinois public school, a therapeutic day school, or a private in-state or out-of-state residential program or hospital due to their need for behavioral health services and supports. Requires the Department to work in conjunction with other specified agencies to track the referrals, monitor any possible overlap between agencies, track funding streams, track the number of available facilities, staff, and beds, and establish clear processes and memoranda of understanding for the exchange of this information. Requires the Department to establish a Short-Term Stabilization Home Model for children and youth under the age of 18 who are diagnosed with intellectual and developmental disabilities or with a mental illness and are receiving services under any home and community-based services waiver program authorized under the Social Security Act. Contains provisions concerning staffing requirements at each short-term stabilization home; referrals to the short-term stabilization homes; the established of a Transition to Adulthood Model that serves young adults from the age of 18 to the day before their 26th birthday; services provide under the Transition to Adulthood Model; and other matters. Effective July 1, 2023.

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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 Sections 5.48, 5.49, and 5.50 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 505/5.48 new)

7 Sec. 5.48. Behavioral health referrals; agency monitoring.
8 The Department of Children and Family Services, in conjunction
9 with the Department of Human Services, shall develop a
10 comprehensive list of children and youth under the age of 18
11 who are diagnosed with intellectual and developmental
12 disabilities or with a mental illness and are referred to a
13 children's group home, an Illinois public school, a
14 therapeutic day school, or a private in-state or out-of-state
15 residential program or hospital due to their need for
16 behavioral health services and supports.

17 The Department of Children and Family Services shall work
18 in conjunction with the Department of Human Services, the
19 Department of Healthcare and Family Services, the State Board
20 of Education, and the Department of Juvenile Justice to track
21 the referrals, monitor any possible overlap between agencies,
22 track funding streams, track the number of available
23 facilities, staff, and beds, and establish clear processes and

1 memoranda of understanding for the exchange of this
2 information.

3 (20 ILCS 505/5.49 new)

4 Sec. 5.49. Short-Term Stabilization Home Model.

5 The Department of Children and Family Services, in
6 conjunction with the Department of Human Services and the
7 State Board of Education, shall establish a Short-Term
8 Stabilization Home Model for children and youth under the age
9 of 18 who are diagnosed with intellectual and developmental
10 disabilities or with a mental illness and are receiving
11 services under any home and community-based services waiver
12 program authorized under Section 1915(c) of the Social
13 Security Act.

14 The Short-Term Stabilization Home Model shall serve
15 eligible children and youth who have behavioral challenges
16 that have not been stabilized despite interventions to support
17 such children and youth in their communities. Under the model,
18 eligible children and youth shall not stay in a short-term
19 stabilization home for more than 90 days. Each short-term
20 stabilization home in the model shall be staffed by the
21 following personnel:

22 (1) board-certified behavior analysts;

23 (2) qualified intellectual disabilities
24 professionals;

25 (3) registered nurses;

1 (4) direct support persons;

2 (5) registered behavior technicians; and

3 (6) consulting psychiatrists.

4 The Department of Children and Family Services, the
5 Department of Human Services, and the State Board of
6 Education, in conjunction with local school districts, shall
7 be responsible for making referrals to the short-term
8 stabilization homes.

9 The Department of Children and Family Services shall
10 ensure all children and youth under the age of 18 with
11 intellectual and developmental disabilities or with a mental
12 illness, regardless of funding streams, have access to the
13 short-term stabilization home model. The Department shall work
14 in conjunction with individual service coordination agencies
15 in the child or youth's geographic area to identify potential
16 short-term stabilization home participants.

17 (20 ILCS 505/5.50 new)

18 Sec. 5.50. Transition to Adulthood Model.

19 (a) The Department of Children and Family Services, in
20 conjunction with the Department of Human Services and the
21 State Board of Education, shall establish a Transition to
22 Adulthood Model as an intensive transition program that serves
23 young adults from the age of 18 to the day before their 26th
24 birthday.

25 (b) The Transition to Adulthood Model shall include

1 educational services so that young adults receiving services
2 under the model can learn how to navigate within their own
3 community, use public transportation, plan and purchase meals,
4 self-advocate, plan social activities, and attend institutions
5 of higher learning, among other social activities.

6 The Transition to Adulthood Model shall also emphasize
7 transition-to-adulthood planning to facilitate young adults
8 with intellectual and developmental disabilities into their
9 adult living arrangement and to prepare them to live as
10 independently as possible within their own communities, while
11 also emphasizing the intermittent supports they need to
12 thrive. Young adults receiving services under the model shall
13 be evaluated on an individual basis and strategies shall be
14 based on person-centered planning.

15 Each young adult shall have an individualized transition
16 plan in which transition specialists ensure communication,
17 visits, and social engagements with other individuals (staff
18 and peers) within the identified adult provider agency.

19 (c) The Transition to Adulthood Model shall employ
20 transition specialists with job coaching skills to create a
21 support replacement plan to ensure benchmarks toward
22 independence are met by young adults receiving services under
23 the model. These transition specialists shall have specialized
24 training in transition and independence planning. A transition
25 specialist, in collaboration with work site employees, shall
26 work with a young adult toward helping the young adult achieve

1 job independence.

2 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
3 2023.