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Introduced 2/16/2023, by Rep. Dave Severin

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

730 ILCS 5/3-2.5-15

Amends the Unified Code of Corrections. Provides that, notwithstanding any other provision of law or rule, the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts and the Department of Juvenile Justice shall permit the hiring of county juvenile detention center personnel that possess less than a bachelor's degree, including, but not limited to, the hiring of an applicant who possesses an associate's degree or has completed at least 60 credit hours at an accredited institution of higher education. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning criminal law.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Unified Code of Corrections is amended by
5 changing Section 3-2.5-15 as follows:

6 (730 ILCS 5/3-2.5-15)

7 Sec. 3-2.5-15. Department of Juvenile Justice; assumption
8 of duties of the Juvenile Division.

9 (a) The Department of Juvenile Justice shall assume the
10 rights, powers, duties, and responsibilities of the Juvenile
11 Division of the Department of Corrections. Personnel, books,
12 records, property, and unencumbered appropriations pertaining
13 to the Juvenile Division of the Department of Corrections
14 shall be transferred to the Department of Juvenile Justice on
15 the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 94th General
16 Assembly. Any rights of employees or the State under the
17 Personnel Code or any other contract or plan shall be
18 unaffected by this transfer.

19 (b) Department of Juvenile Justice personnel who are hired
20 by the Department on or after the effective date of this
21 amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly and who
22 participate or assist in the rehabilitative and vocational
23 training of delinquent youths, supervise the daily activities

1 involving direct and continuing responsibility for the youth's
2 security, welfare and development, or participate in the
3 personal rehabilitation of delinquent youth by training,
4 supervising, and assisting lower level personnel who perform
5 these duties must be over the age of 21 and have any bachelor's
6 or advanced degree from an accredited college or university.
7 This requirement shall not apply to security, clerical, food
8 service, and maintenance staff that do not have direct and
9 regular contact with youth. The degree requirements specified
10 in this subsection (b) are not required of persons who provide
11 vocational training and who have adequate knowledge in the
12 skill for which they are providing the vocational training.
13 Notwithstanding any other provision of law or rule, the
14 Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts and the
15 Department of Juvenile Justice shall permit the hiring of
16 county juvenile detention center personnel that possess less
17 than a bachelor's degree, including, but not limited to, the
18 hiring of an applicant who possesses an associate's degree or
19 has completed at least 60 credit hours at an accredited
20 institution of higher education.

21 (c) Subsection (b) of this Section does not apply to
22 personnel transferred to the Department of Juvenile Justice on
23 the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 94th General
24 Assembly.

25 (d) The Department shall be under the direction of the
26 Director of Juvenile Justice as provided in this Code.

1 (e) The Director shall organize divisions within the
2 Department and shall assign functions, powers, duties, and
3 personnel as required by law. The Director may create other
4 divisions and may assign other functions, powers, duties, and
5 personnel as may be necessary or desirable to carry out the
6 functions and responsibilities vested by law in the
7 Department. The Director may, with the approval of the Office
8 of the Governor, assign to and share functions, powers,
9 duties, and personnel with other State agencies such that
10 administrative services and administrative facilities are
11 provided by a shared administrative service center. Where
12 possible, shared services which impact youth should be done
13 with child-serving agencies. These administrative services may
14 include, but are not limited to, all of the following
15 functions: budgeting, accounting related functions, auditing,
16 human resources, legal, procurement, training, data collection
17 and analysis, information technology, internal investigations,
18 intelligence, legislative services, emergency response
19 capability, statewide transportation services, and general
20 office support.

21 (f) The Department of Juvenile Justice may enter into
22 intergovernmental cooperation agreements under which minors
23 adjudicated delinquent and committed to the Department of
24 Juvenile Justice may participate in county juvenile impact
25 incarceration programs established under Section 3-6039 of the
26 Counties Code.

1 (g) The Department of Juvenile Justice must comply with
2 the ethnic and racial background data collection procedures
3 provided in Section 4.5 of the Criminal Identification Act.

4 (h) The Department of Juvenile Justice shall implement a
5 wellness program to support health and wellbeing among staff
6 and service providers within the Department of Juvenile
7 Justice environment. The Department of Juvenile Justice shall
8 establish response teams to provide support to employees and
9 staff affected by events that are both duty-related and not
10 duty-related and provide training to response team members.
11 The Department's wellness program shall be accessible to any
12 Department employee or service provider, including contractual
13 employees and approved volunteers. The wellness program may
14 include information sharing, education and activities designed
15 to support health and well-being within the Department's
16 environment. Access to wellness response team support shall be
17 voluntary and remain confidential.

18 (Source: P.A. 102-616, eff. 1-1-22.)

19 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
20 becoming law.