



## 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2023 and 2024

SB2535

Introduced 3/7/2023, by Sen. Elgie R. Sims, Jr.

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 3930/7.3 new

Amends the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Act. Creates the Youth Nonviolent Crimes Resource Program. Provides that the Criminal Justice Information Authority shall provide resources to people under the age of 18 who have committed a nonviolent crime. Provides that these resources shall include youth employment initiatives throughout the State, access to educational resources in collaboration with the Illinois State Board of Education, and parental mentorship training conducted by the Department of Human Services. Provides that the Authority shall develop a mentorship initiative for youth that have been convicted of a nonviolent crime. Provides that the Authority may establish a grant program for non-profit organizations. Provides that the Authority shall publish this program on its website by no later than January 1, 2024. Effective immediately.

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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 Illinois Criminal Justice Information Act  
5 is amended by adding Section 7.3 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 3930/7.3 new)

7 Sec. 7.3. Youth Nonviolent Crimes Resource Program.

8 (a) The Authority shall provide resources to people under  
9 the age of 18 who have committed a nonviolent crime. The  
10 resources shall include:

11 (1) youth employment initiatives throughout the State;

12 (2) access to educational resources in collaboration  
13 with the Illinois State Board of Education;

14 (3) parental mentorship training in collaboration with  
15 the Department of Human Services; and

16 (4) any other resources that the Authority deems  
17 helpful to youth convicted of nonviolent crimes.

18 (b) The Authority shall develop a mentorship initiative  
19 for youth that have been convicted of a nonviolent crime  
20 through which the Authority shall provide the affected youth  
21 with counseling offered by a trained trauma therapist. The  
22 Authority shall also provide all necessary documentation for  
23 the affected youth to apply for the Supplemental Nutrition

1 Assistance Program (SNAP) and any other public aid offered  
2 through the State.

3 (c) The Authority may establish a program through which it  
4 may offer grants to non-profit organizations that provide the  
5 services described in subsections (a) and (b), and the  
6 Authority may contract with non-profit organizations to  
7 provide those services.

8 (d) By no later than January 1, 2024, the Authority shall  
9 publicize on its website the program created under this  
10 Section.

11 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
12 becoming law.