



## 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2023 and 2024

SB2536

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

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the First-Time Parent Mentorship Program Act. Provides that the Department of Human Services shall create a mentorship program for first-time parents. Provides that eligible parents for the mentorship program include any person who has become a parent in the 6 months before making a request to participate in the program. Sets forth provisions concerning required components of the mentorship program. Provides that the Department shall require the individuals providing the mentorship program to conduct a minimum of 10 hours of tutoring and mentoring per parent participating in the program; and individuals providing the mentorship program shall have at least 5 years of experience providing childcare in a daycare or K-12 setting and adult employment and training services. Provides that the Department may enter into an agreement with a nonprofit organization to allow the nonprofit organization to administer the mentorship program; and that a nonprofit organization shall provide the Department with specified information. Provides that the Department may create a First-Time Parent Mentorship Program grant program in order to provide funding to nonprofit organizations that meet specified criteria. Provides that the Department shall adopt rules necessary to implement, administer, and enforce the Act. Defines terms.

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1 AN ACT concerning health.

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

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the  
5 First-Time Parent Mentorship Program Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions.

7 "Department" means the Department of Human Services.

8 "Secretary" means the Secretary of Human Services.

9 Section 10. First-time parent mentorship program.

10 (a) The Department shall create a mentorship program for  
11 first-time parents. Eligible parents for the mentorship  
12 program include any person who has become a parent in the 6  
13 months before making a request to participate in the program.

14 (b) The mentorship program shall provide:

15 (1) a course for the parents to find gainful  
16 employment if the parent is not employed;

17 (2) a list of safety standards published by the United  
18 States Consumer Product Safety Commission; and

19 (3) a list of donation centers where parents can find  
20 products that meet the safety standards of products  
21 published by the United States Consumer Product Safety  
22 Commission.

1           (c) The Department shall require the individuals providing  
2 the mentorship program to conduct a minimum of 10 hours of  
3 tutoring and mentoring per parent participating in the  
4 program. Individuals providing the mentorship program shall  
5 have at least 5 years of experience providing childcare in a  
6 daycare or K-12 setting and adult employment and training  
7 services.

8           (d) The Department may enter into an agreement with a  
9 nonprofit organization to allow the nonprofit organization to  
10 administer the mentorship program created by this Act. A  
11 nonprofit organization shall provide the Department with  
12 information, including, but not limited to, the following:

13                 (1) identification of its capacity to provide  
14 trauma-informed services within the organization;

15                 (2) demonstration of a strong connection with  
16 childcare providers and K-12 institutions;

17                 (3) identification of the area that will be served,  
18 including a description and demographics of communities  
19 that will be served; and

20                 (4) a description of current trends or issues, service  
21 gaps, or unmet needs in the community or target  
22 population.

23           (e) The Department may create a First-Time Parent  
24 Mentorship Program grant program to provide funding to  
25 nonprofit organizations that meet the criteria in subsection  
26 (d).

1           (f) The Department shall adopt rules necessary to  
2   implement, administer, and enforce this Act.