

94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2005 and 2006 HB0248

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

 325 ILCS 5/5
 from Ch. 23, par. 2055

 325 ILCS 5/6
 from Ch. 23, par. 2056

 325 ILCS 5/7.5
 from Ch. 23, par. 2057.5

 705 ILCS 405/2-5
 from Ch. 37, par. 802-5

Amends the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act and the Juvenile Court Act of 1987. Provides that a law enforcement officer, DCFS employee, or physician may take or retain temporary protective custody of a child without the consent of the person responsible for the child's welfare if he or she has reason to believe that the child is in imminent danger of injury or death (instead of if he or she has reason to believe that the child cannot be cared for at home or in the custody of the person responsible for the child's welfare and there is not time to apply for a temporary custody order). If there is no such imminent danger, requires a warrant to take the child into temporary protective custody. Provides that the DCFS Guardianship Administrator has no authority to consent to an HIV test for a child or obtain and disclose HIV test information if the child has not been taken into temporary protective custody as provided by law. Provides that a person seeking to take photographs or x-rays of a child must first obtain the consent of the parent, guardian, or other person responsible for the child's welfare, unless the person has reason to believe that the child is in imminent danger of injury or death. Provides that if DCFS is denied reasonable access to a child, it shall seek law enforcement intervention for the purpose of examining and interviewing the child if it has reason to believe that the child is in imminent danger of injury or death; otherwise, it must seek a court order. Authorizes a law enforcement officer to take custody of a minor without a warrant under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 if the officer has reasonable cause to believe the minor is an abused, neglected, or dependent minor, but only if the officer also has reasonable cause to believe that the minor is in imminent danger of injury or death.

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1 AN ACT in relation to children.

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

Section 5. The Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act is amended by changing Sections 5, 6, and 7.5 as follows:

6 (325 ILCS 5/5) (from Ch. 23, par. 2055)

Sec. 5. An officer of a local law enforcement agency, designated employee of the Department, or a physician treating a child may take or retain temporary protective custody of the child without the consent of the person responsible for the child's welfare, if (1) he has reason to believe that the child is in imminent danger of injury or death if left cannot be cared for at home or in the custody of the person responsible for the child's welfare without endangering the child's health or safety; and (2) there is not time to apply for a court order under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 for temporary custody of the child. The person taking or retaining a child in temporary protective custody shall immediately make every reasonable effort to notify the person responsible for the child's welfare and shall immediately notify the Department. If the officer, employee, or physician does not have the consent of the person responsible for the child's welfare and does not have reason to believe that the child is in imminent danger of injury or death if left at home or in the custody of the person responsible for the child's welfare, then the officer, employee, or physician may take or retain temporary protective custody of the child only if (i) a court issues a warrant to take the child into custody based on the officer's, employee's, or physician's belief and evidence that the child cannot be cared for at home or in the custody of the person responsible for the child's welfare without endangering the child's health or safety and (ii) there is not time to apply for a court order for temporary

custody of the child under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987.

The Department shall provide to the temporary caretaker of a child any information in the Department's possession concerning the positive results of a test performed on the child to determine the presence of the antibody or antigen to Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), or of HIV infection, as well as any communicable diseases or communicable infections that the child has. The temporary caretaker of a child shall not disclose to another person any information received by the temporary caretaker from the Department concerning the results of a test performed on the child to determine the presence of the antibody or antigen to HIV, or of HIV infection, except pursuant to Section 9 of the AIDS Confidentiality Act, as now or hereafter amended. The Department shall promptly initiate proceedings under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 for the continued temporary custody of the child.

Where the physician keeping a child in his custody does so in his capacity as a member of the staff of a hospital or similar institution, he shall notify the person in charge of the institution or his designated agent, who shall then become responsible for the further care of such child in the hospital or similar institution under the direction of the Department.

Said care includes, but is not limited to the granting of permission to perform emergency medical treatment to a minor where the treatment itself does not involve a substantial risk of harm to the minor and the failure to render such treatment will likely result in death or permanent harm to the minor, and there is not time to apply for a court order under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987.

Any person authorized and acting in good faith in the removal of a child under this Section shall have immunity from any liability, civil or criminal that might otherwise be incurred or imposed as a result of such removal. Any physician authorized and acting in good faith and in accordance with acceptable medical practice in the treatment of a child under this Section shall have immunity from any liability, civil or

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criminal, that might otherwise be incurred or imposed as a result of granting permission for emergency treatment.

With respect to any child taken into temporary protective custody pursuant to this Section, the Department of Children and Family Services Guardianship Administrator or his designee shall be deemed the child's legally authorized representative for purposes of consenting to an HIV test if deemed necessary and appropriate by the Department's Guardianship Administrator designee and obtaining and disclosing concerning such test pursuant to the AIDS Confidentiality Act deemed necessary and appropriate by the Department's Guardianship Administrator or designee and for purposes of consenting to the release of information pursuant to the Illinois Sexually Transmissible Disease Control Act if deemed necessary and appropriate by the Department's Guardianship Administrator or designee. The Guardianship Administrator has no such authority to consent to an HIV test or obtain and disclose information if the child has not been taken into temporary protective custody as provided in this Section.

Any person who administers an HIV test upon the consent of the Department of Children and Family Services Guardianship Administrator or his designee, or who discloses the results of such tests to the Department's Guardianship Administrator or his designee, shall have immunity from any liability, civil, criminal or otherwise, that might result by reason of such actions. For the purpose of any proceedings, civil or criminal, the good faith of any persons required to administer or disclose the results of tests, or permitted to take such actions, shall be presumed.

(Source: P.A. 90-28, eff. 1-1-98.)

31 (325 ILCS 5/6) (from Ch. 23, par. 2056)

Sec. 6. Any person required to investigate cases of suspected child abuse or neglect may take or cause to be taken, at Department expense, color photographs and x-rays of the child who is the subject of a report, and color photographs of

- 1 the physical environment in which the alleged abuse or neglect
- 2 has taken place. The person seeking to take such photographs or
- 3 x-rays must first obtain the consent of the parent, guardian,
- 4 or other person responsible for the child's welfare, unless the
- 5 person has reason to believe that the child is in imminent
- 6 danger of injury or death. If the person has such a reasonable
- 7 <u>belief, the person must</u> shall make every reasonable effort to
- 8 notify the person responsible for the child's welfare.
- 9 (Source: P.A. 84-611.)
- 10 changing
- 11 (325 ILCS 5/7.5) (from Ch. 23, par. 2057.5)
- 12 Sec. 7.5. If the Child Protective Service Unit is denied
- 13 reasonable access to a child by the parents or other persons
- 14 and it deems that the health, safety, and best interests of the
- 15 child so require, it shall request the intervention of a local
- law enforcement agency for the purpose of examining and
- interviewing the child if it has reason to believe that the
- child is in imminent danger of injury or death. If the Child
- 19 <u>Protective Service Unit does not have reason to believe that</u>
- 20 the child is in imminent danger of injury or death, it must or
- 21 seek an appropriate court order to examine and interview the
- child.
- 23 (Source: P.A. 90-28, eff. 1-1-98.)
- Section 10. The Juvenile Court Act of 1987 is amended by
- 25 changing Section 2-5 as follows:
- 26 (705 ILCS 405/2-5) (from Ch. 37, par. 802-5)
- Sec. 2-5. Taking into custody. (1) A law enforcement
- officer may, without a warrant, take into temporary custody a
- 29 minor (a) whom the officer with reasonable cause believes to be
- 30 a person described in Section 2-3 or 2-4, but only if the
- officer also has reasonable cause to believe that the minor is
- 32 <u>in imminent danger of injury or death</u>; (b) who has been
- 33 adjudged a ward of the court and has escaped from any

- 1 commitment ordered by the court under this Act; or (c) who is
- 2 found in any street or public place suffering from any sickness
- 3 or injury which requires care, medical treatment or
- 4 hospitalization.
- 5 (2) Whenever a petition has been filed under Section 2-13
- and the court finds that the conduct and behavior of the minor
- 7 may endanger the health, person, welfare, or property of
- 8 himself or others or that the circumstances of his home
- 9 environment may endanger his health, person, welfare or
- 10 property, a warrant may be issued immediately to take the minor
- into custody.
- 12 (3) The taking of a minor into temporary custody under this
- 13 Section is not an arrest nor does it constitute a police
- 14 record.
- 15 (Source: P.A. 85-601.)