

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 changing Section 35.5 and by adding Section 35.7 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 505/35.5)

7 Sec. 35.5. Inspector General.

8 (a) The Governor shall appoint, and the Senate shall
9 confirm, an Inspector General who shall have the authority to
10 conduct investigations into allegations of or incidents of
11 possible misconduct, misfeasance, malfeasance, or violations
12 of rules, procedures, or laws by any employee, foster parent,
13 service provider, or contractor of the Department of Children
14 and Family Services. The Inspector General shall make
15 recommendations to the Director of Children and Family Services
16 concerning sanctions or disciplinary actions against
17 Department employees or providers of service under contract to
18 the Department. The Director of Children and Family Services
19 shall provide the Inspector General with an implementation
20 report on the status of any corrective actions taken on
21 recommendations under review and shall continue sending
22 updated reports until the corrective action is completed. The
23 Director shall provide a written response to the Inspector

1 General indicating the status of any sanctions or disciplinary
2 actions against employees or providers of service involving any
3 investigation subject to review. In any case, information
4 included in the reports to the Inspector General and Department
5 responses shall be subject to the public disclosure
6 requirements of the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act.

7 Any investigation conducted by the Inspector General shall be
8 independent and separate from the investigation mandated by the
9 Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act. The Inspector General
10 shall be appointed for a term of 4 years. The Inspector General
11 shall function independently within the Department of Children
12 and Family Services with respect to ~~be independent of~~ the
13 operations of the Office of Inspector General, including the
14 performance of investigations and issuance of findings and
15 recommendations, Department and shall report to the Director of
16 Children and Family Services and the Governor and perform other
17 duties the Director may designate. The Inspector General shall
18 adopt rules as necessary to carry out the functions, purposes,
19 and duties of the office of Inspector General in the Department
20 of Children and Family Services, in accordance with the
21 Illinois Administrative Procedure Act and any other applicable
22 law.

23 (b) The Inspector General shall have access to all
24 information and personnel necessary to perform the duties of
25 the office. To minimize duplication of efforts, and to assure
26 consistency and conformance with the requirements and

1 procedures established in the B.H. v. Suter consent decree and
2 to share resources when appropriate, the Inspector General
3 shall coordinate his or her activities with the Bureau of
4 Quality Assurance within the Department.

5 (c) The Inspector General shall be the primary liaison
6 between the Department and the Department of State Police with
7 regard to investigations conducted under the Inspector
8 General's auspices. If the Inspector General determines that a
9 possible criminal act has been committed, or that special
10 expertise is required in the investigation, he or she shall
11 immediately notify the Department of State Police. All
12 investigations conducted by the Inspector General shall be
13 conducted in a manner designed to ensure the preservation of
14 evidence for possible use in a criminal prosecution.

15 (d) The Inspector General may recommend to the Department
16 of Children and Family Services, the Department of Public
17 Health, or any other appropriate agency, sanctions to be
18 imposed against service providers under the jurisdiction of or
19 under contract with the Department for the protection of
20 children in the custody or under the guardianship of the
21 Department who received services from those providers. The
22 Inspector General may seek the assistance of the Attorney
23 General or any of the several State's Attorneys in imposing
24 sanctions.

25 (e) The Inspector General shall at all times be granted
26 access to any foster home, facility, or program operated for or

1 licensed or funded by the Department.

2 (f) Nothing in this Section shall limit investigations by
3 the Department of Children and Family Services that may
4 otherwise be required by law or that may be necessary in that
5 Department's capacity as the central administrative authority
6 for child welfare.

7 (g) The Inspector General shall have the power to subpoena
8 witnesses and compel the production of books and papers
9 pertinent to an investigation authorized by this Act. The power
10 to subpoena or to compel the production of books and papers,
11 however, shall not extend to the person or documents of a labor
12 organization or its representatives insofar as the person or
13 documents of a labor organization relate to the function of
14 representing an employee subject to investigation under this
15 Act. Any person who fails to appear in response to a subpoena
16 or to answer any question or produce any books or papers
17 pertinent to an investigation under this Act, except as
18 otherwise provided in this Section, or who knowingly gives
19 false testimony in relation to an investigation under this Act
20 is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.

21 (h) The Inspector General shall provide to the General
22 Assembly and the Governor, no later than January 1 of each
23 year, a summary of reports and investigations made under this
24 Section for the prior fiscal year. The summaries shall detail
25 the imposition of sanctions and the final disposition of those
26 recommendations. The summaries shall not contain any

1 confidential or identifying information concerning the
2 subjects of the reports and investigations. The summaries also
3 shall include detailed recommended administrative actions and
4 matters for consideration by the General Assembly.

5 (Source: P.A. 90-512, eff. 8-22-97.)

6 (20 ILCS 505/35.7 new)

7 Sec. 35.7. Error Reduction Implementations Plans;
8 Inspector General.

9 (a) The Inspector General of the Department of Children and
10 Family Services shall develop Error Reduction Implementation
11 Plans, as necessary, to remedy patterns of errors or
12 problematic practices that compromise or threaten the safety of
13 children as identified in the DCFS Office of the Inspector
14 General (OIG) death or serious injury investigations and Child
15 Death Review Teams recommendations. The Error Reduction
16 Implementation Plans shall include both training and on-site
17 components. The Inspector General shall submit proposed Error
18 Reduction Implementation Plans to the Director for review. The
19 Director may approve the plans submitted, or approve plans
20 amended by the Office of the Inspector General, taking into
21 consideration polices and procedures that govern the function
22 and performance of any affected frontline staff. The Director
23 shall document the basis for disapproval of any submitted or
24 amended plan. The Department shall deploy Error Reduction
25 Safety Teams to implement the Error Reduction Implementation

1 Plans. The Error Reduction Safety Teams shall be composed of
2 Quality Assurance and Division of Training staff to implement
3 hands-on training and Error Reduction Implementation Plans.
4 The teams shall work in the offices of the Department or of
5 agencies, or both, as required by the Error Reduction
6 Implementation Plans, and shall work to ensure that systems are
7 in place to continue reform efforts after the departure of the
8 teams. The Director shall develop a method to ensure consistent
9 compliance with any Error Reduction Implementation Plans, the
10 provisions of which shall be incorporated into the plan.

11 (b) Quality Assurance shall prepare public reports
12 annually detailing the following: the substance of any Error
13 Reduction Implementation Plan approved; any deviations from
14 the Error Reduction Plan; whether adequate staff was available
15 to perform functions necessary to the Error Reduction
16 Implementation Plan, including identification and reporting of
17 any staff needs; other problems noted or barriers to
18 implementing the Error Reduction Implementation Plan; and
19 recommendations for additional training, amendments to rules
20 and procedures, or other systemic reform identified by the
21 teams. Quality Assurance shall work with affected frontline
22 staff to implement provisions of the approved Error Reduction
23 Implementation Plans related to staff function and
24 performance.

25 (c) The Error Reduction Teams shall implement training and
26 reform protocols through incubating change in each region,

1 Department office, or purchase of service office, as required.
2 The teams shall administer hands-on assistance, supervision,
3 and management while ensuring that the office, region, or
4 agency develops the skills and systems necessary to incorporate
5 changes on a permanent basis. For each Error Reduction
6 Implementation Plan, the Team shall determine whether adequate
7 staff is available to fulfill the Error Reduction
8 Implementation Plan, provide case-by-case supervision to
9 ensure that the plan is implemented, and ensure that management
10 puts systems in place to enable the reforms to continue. Error
11 Reduction Teams shall work with affected frontline staff to
12 ensure that provisions of the approved Error Reduction
13 Implementation Plans relating to staff functions and
14 performance are achieved to effect necessary reforms.

15 (d) The OIG shall develop and submit new Error Reduction
16 Implementation Plans as necessary. To implement each Error
17 Reduction Implementation Plan, as approved by the Director, the
18 OIG shall work with Quality Assurance members of the Error
19 Reduction Teams designated by the Department. The teams shall
20 be comprised of staff from Quality Assurance and Training.
21 Training shall work with the OIG and with the child death
22 review teams to develop a curriculum to address errors
23 identified that compromise the safety of children. Following
24 the training roll-out, the Teams shall work on-site in
25 identified offices. The Teams shall review and supervise all
26 work relevant to the Error Reduction Implementation Plan.

1 Quality Assurance shall identify outcome measures and track
2 compliance with the training curriculum. Each quarter, Quality
3 Assurance shall prepare a report detailing compliance with the
4 Error Reduction Implementation Plan and alert the Director to
5 staffing needs or other needs to accomplish the goals of the
6 Error Reduction Implementation Plan. The report shall be
7 transmitted to the Director, the OIG, and all management staff
8 involved in the Error Reduction Implementation Plan.

9 (e) The Director shall review quarterly Quality Assurance
10 reports and determine adherence to the Error Reduction
11 Implementation Plan using criteria and standards developed by
12 the Department.

13 Section 10. The Child Death Review Team Act is amended by
14 changing Sections 15, 20, 25, and 40 and by adding Section 45
15 as follows:

16 (20 ILCS 515/15)

17 Sec. 15. Child death review teams; establishment.

18 (a) The Director, in consultation with the Executive
19 Council, law enforcement, and other professionals who work in
20 the field of investigating, treating, or preventing child abuse
21 or neglect in that subregion, shall appoint members to a child
22 death review team in each of the Department's administrative
23 subregions of the State outside Cook County and at least one
24 child death review team in Cook County. The members of a team

1 shall be appointed for 2-year terms and shall be eligible for
2 reappointment upon the expiration of the terms. The Director
3 must fill any vacancy in a team within 60 days after that
4 vacancy occurs.

5 (b) Each child death review team shall consist of at least
6 one member from each of the following categories:

7 (1) Pediatrician or other physician knowledgeable
8 about child abuse and neglect.

9 (2) Representative of the Department.

10 (3) State's attorney or State's attorney's
11 representative.

12 (4) Representative of a local law enforcement agency.

13 (5) Psychologist or psychiatrist.

14 (6) Representative of a local health department.

15 (7) Representative of a school district or other
16 education or child care interests.

17 (8) Coroner or forensic pathologist.

18 (9) Representative of a child welfare agency or child
19 advocacy organization.

20 (10) Representative of a local hospital, trauma
21 center, or provider of emergency medical services.

22 (11) Representative of the Department of State Police.

23 Each child death review team may make recommendations to
24 the Director concerning additional appointments.

25 Each child death review team member must have demonstrated
26 experience and an interest in investigating, treating, or

1 preventing child abuse or neglect.

2 (c) Each child death review team shall select a chairperson
3 from among its members. The chairperson shall also serve on the
4 Illinois Child Death Review Teams Executive Council.

5 (d) The child death review teams shall be funded under a
6 separate line item in the Department's annual budget.

7 (Source: P.A. 92-468, eff. 8-22-01.)

8 (20 ILCS 515/20)

9 Sec. 20. Reviews of child deaths.

10 (a) Every child death shall be reviewed by the team in the
11 subregion which has primary case management responsibility.
12 The deceased child must be one of the following:

13 (1) A ward of the Department.

14 (2) The subject of an open service case maintained by
15 the Department.

16 (3) The subject of a pending child abuse or neglect
17 investigation.

18 (4) A child who was the subject of an abuse or neglect
19 investigation at any time during the 12 months preceding
20 the child's death.

21 (5) Any other child whose death is reported to the
22 State central register as a result of alleged child abuse
23 or neglect which report is subsequently indicated.

24 A child death review team may, at its discretion, review
25 other sudden, unexpected, or unexplained child deaths, and

1 cases of serious or fatal injuries to a child identified under
2 the Child Advocacy Center Act.

3 (b) A child death review team's purpose in conducting
4 reviews of child deaths is to do the following:

5 (1) Assist in determining the cause and manner of the
6 child's death, when requested.

7 (2) Evaluate means by which the death might have been
8 prevented.

9 (3) Report its findings to appropriate agencies and
10 make recommendations that may help to reduce the number of
11 child deaths caused by abuse or neglect.

12 (4) Promote continuing education for professionals
13 involved in investigating, treating, and preventing child
14 abuse and neglect as a means of preventing child deaths due
15 to abuse or neglect.

16 (5) Make specific recommendations to the Director and
17 the Inspector General of the Department concerning the
18 prevention of child deaths due to abuse or neglect and the
19 establishment of protocols for investigating child deaths.

20 (c) A child death review team shall review a child death as
21 soon as practical and not later than 90 days following the
22 completion by the Department of the investigation of the death
23 under the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act. When there
24 has been no investigation by the Department, the child death
25 review team shall review a child's death within 90 days after
26 obtaining the information necessary to complete the review from

1 the coroner, pathologist, medical examiner, or law enforcement
2 agency, depending on the nature of the case. A child death
3 review team shall meet at least once in each calendar quarter.

4 (d) The Director shall, within 90 days, review and reply to
5 recommendations made by a team under item (5) of subsection
6 (b). The Director shall implement recommendations as feasible
7 and appropriate and shall respond in writing to explain the
8 implementation or nonimplementation of the recommendations.

9 (Source: P.A. 90-239, eff. 7-28-97; 90-608, eff. 6-30-98.)

10 (20 ILCS 515/25)

11 Sec. 25. Team access to information.

12 (a) The Department shall provide to a child death review
13 team, on the request of the team chairperson, all records and
14 information in the Department's possession that are relevant to
15 the team's review of a child death, including records and
16 information concerning previous reports or investigations of
17 suspected child abuse or neglect.

18 (b) A child death review team shall have access to all
19 records and information that are relevant to its review of a
20 child death and in the possession of a State or local
21 governmental agency, including, but not limited to,
22 information gained through the Child Advocacy Center protocol
23 for cases of serious or fatal injury to a child. These records
24 and information include, without limitation, birth
25 certificates, all relevant medical and mental health records,

1 records of law enforcement agency investigations, records of
2 coroner or medical examiner investigations, records of the
3 Department of Corrections concerning a person's parole,
4 records of a probation and court services department, and
5 records of a social services agency that provided services to
6 the child or the child's family.

7 (Source: P.A. 91-812, eff. 6-13-00.)

8 (20 ILCS 515/40)

9 Sec. 40. Illinois Child Death Review Teams Executive
10 Council.

11 (a) The Illinois Child Death Review Teams Executive
12 Council, consisting of the chairpersons of the 9 child death
13 review teams in Illinois, is the coordinating and oversight
14 body for child death review teams and activities in Illinois.
15 The vice-chairperson of a child death review team, as
16 designated by the chairperson, may serve as a back-up member or
17 an alternate member of the Executive Council, if the
18 chairperson of the child death review team is unavailable to
19 serve on the Executive Council. The Inspector General of the
20 Department, ex officio, is a non-voting member of the Executive
21 Council. The Director may appoint to the Executive Council any
22 ex-officio members deemed necessary. Persons with expertise
23 needed by the Executive Council may be invited to meetings. The
24 Executive Council must select from its members a chairperson
25 and a vice-chairperson, each to serve a 2-year, renewable term.

1 The Executive Council must meet at least 4 times during
2 each calendar year.

3 (b) The Department must provide or arrange for the staff
4 support necessary for the Executive Council to carry out its
5 duties. The Director, in cooperation and consultation with the
6 Executive Council, shall appoint, reappoint, and remove team
7 members. From funds available, the Director may select from a
8 list of 2 or more candidates recommended by the Executive
9 Council to serve as the Child Death Review Teams Executive
10 Director. The Child Death Review Teams Executive Director shall
11 oversee the operations of the child death review teams and
12 shall report directly to the Executive Council.

13 (c) The Executive Council has, but is not limited to, the
14 following duties:

15 (1) To serve as the voice of child death review teams
16 in Illinois.

17 (2) To oversee the regional teams in order to ensure
18 that the teams' work is coordinated and in compliance with
19 the statutes and the operating protocol.

20 (3) To ensure that the data, results, findings, and
21 recommendations of the teams are adequately used to make
22 any necessary changes in the policies, procedures, and
23 statutes in order to protect children in a timely manner.

24 (4) To collaborate with the General Assembly, the
25 Department, and others in order to develop any legislation
26 needed to prevent child fatalities and to protect children.

1 (5) To assist in the development of quarterly and
2 annual reports based on the work and the findings of the
3 teams.

4 (6) To ensure that the regional teams' review processes
5 are standardized in order to convey data, findings, and
6 recommendations in a usable format.

7 (7) To serve as a link with child death review teams
8 throughout the country and to participate in national child
9 death review team activities.

10 (8) To develop an annual statewide symposium to update
11 the knowledge and skills of child death review team members
12 and to promote the exchange of information between teams.

13 (9) To provide the child death review teams with the
14 most current information and practices concerning child
15 death review and related topics.

16 (10) To perform any other functions necessary to
17 enhance the capability of the child death review teams to
18 reduce and prevent child injuries and fatalities.

19 (d) In any instance when a child death review team does not
20 operate in accordance with established protocol, the Director,
21 in consultation and cooperation with the Executive Council,
22 must take any necessary actions to bring the team into
23 compliance with the protocol.

24 (Source: P.A. 92-468, eff. 8-22-01.)

25 (20 ILCS 515/45 new)

1 Sec. 45. Child Death Investigation Task Force; pilot
2 program. The Child Death Review Teams Executive Council may,
3 from funds appropriated by the Illinois General Assembly to the
4 Department and provided to the Child Death Review Teams
5 Executive Council for this purpose, or from funds that may
6 otherwise be provided for this purpose from other public or
7 private sources, establish a 3-year pilot program in the
8 Southern Region of the State, as designated by the Department,
9 under which a special Child Death Investigation Task Force will
10 be created by the Child Death Review Teams Executive Council to
11 develop and implement a plan for the investigation of sudden,
12 unexpected, or unexplained deaths of children under 18 years of
13 age occurring within that region. The plan shall include a
14 protocol to be followed by child death review teams in the
15 review of child deaths authorized under paragraph (a)(5) of
16 Section 20 of this Act. The plan must include provisions for
17 local or State law enforcement agencies, hospitals, or coroners
18 to promptly notify the Task Force of a death or serious
19 life-threatening injury to a child, and for the Child Death
20 Investigation Task Force to review the death and submit a
21 report containing findings and recommendations to the Child
22 Death Review Teams Executive Council, the Director, the
23 Department of Children and Family Services Inspector General,
24 the appropriate State's Attorney, and the State Representative
25 and State Senator in whose legislative districts the case
26 arose. The plan may include coordination with any investigation

1 conducted under the Children's Advocacy Center Act. By January
2 1, 2010, the Child Death Review Teams Executive Council shall
3 submit a report to the Director, the General Assembly, and the
4 Governor summarizing the results of the pilot program together
5 with any recommendations for statewide implementation of a
6 protocol for the investigating all sudden, unexpected, or
7 unexplained child deaths.

8 Section 15. The Children's Advocacy Center Act is amended
9 by changing Sections 3 and 4 as follows:

10 (55 ILCS 80/3) (from Ch. 23, par. 1803)

11 Sec. 3. Child Advocacy Advisory Board.

12 (a) Each county in the State of Illinois shall establish a
13 Child Advocacy Advisory Board ("Advisory Board").

14 Each of the following county officers or State agencies
15 shall designate a representative to serve on the Advisory
16 Board: the sheriff, the Illinois Department of Children and
17 Family Services, the State's attorney, ~~and~~ the county mental
18 health department, and the Department of State Police.

19 The chairman may appoint additional members of the Advisory
20 Board as is deemed necessary to accomplish the purposes of this
21 Act, the additional members to include but not be limited to
22 representatives of local law enforcement agencies, and the
23 Circuit Courts.

24 (b) The Advisory Board shall organize itself and elect from

1 among its members a chairman and such other officers as are
2 deemed necessary. Until a chairman is so elected, the State's
3 attorney shall serve as interim chairman.

4 (c) The Advisory Board shall adopt, by a majority of the
5 members, a written child sexual abuse protocol within one year
6 after the effective date of this Act. An Advisory Board
7 adopting a protocol after the effective date of this amendatory
8 Act of 1996 shall, prior to finalization, submit its draft to
9 the Illinois Child Advocacy Commission for review and comments.
10 After considering the comments of the Illinois Child Advocacy
11 Commission and upon finalization of its protocol, the Advisory
12 Board shall file the protocol with the Department of Children
13 and Family Services. A copy shall be furnished to the Illinois
14 Child Advocacy Commission and to each agency in the county or
15 counties which has any involvement with the cases of sexually
16 abused children.

17 The Illinois Child Advocacy Commission shall consist of the
18 Attorney General and the Directors of the Illinois State Police
19 and the Department of Children and Family Services or their
20 designees. Additional members may be appointed to the Illinois
21 Child Advocacy Commission as deemed necessary by the Attorney
22 General and the Directors of the Illinois State Police and the
23 Department of Children and Family Services. The Illinois Child
24 Advocacy Commission may also provide technical assistance and
25 guidance to the Advisory Boards.

26 (d) The purpose of the protocol shall be to ensure

1 coordination and cooperation among all agencies involved in
2 child sexual abuse cases so as to increase the efficiency and
3 effectiveness of those agencies, to minimize the stress created
4 for the child and his or her family by the investigatory and
5 judicial process, and to ensure that more effective treatment
6 is provided for the child and his or her family.

7 (e) The protocol shall be a written document outlining in
8 detail the procedures to be used in investigating and
9 prosecuting cases arising from alleged child sexual abuse and
10 in coordinating treatment referrals for the child and his or
11 her family. In preparing the written protocol, the Advisory
12 Board shall consider the following:

13 (1) An interdisciplinary, coordinated systems approach
14 to the investigation of child sexual abuse which shall
15 include, at a minimum;

16 (i) an interagency notification procedure;

17 (ii) a dispute resolution process between the
18 involved agencies when a conflict arises on how to
19 proceed with the investigation of a case;

20 (iii) a policy on interagency decision-making; and

21 (iv) a description of the role each agency has in
22 the investigation of the case;

23 (2) A safe, separate space with assigned personnel
24 designated for the investigation and coordination of child
25 sexual abuse cases;

26 (3) An interdisciplinary case review process for

1 purposes of decision-making, problem solving, systems
2 coordination, and information sharing;

3 (4) A comprehensive tracking system to receive and
4 coordinate information concerning child sexual abuse cases
5 from each participating agency;

6 (5) Interdisciplinary specialized training for all
7 professionals involved with the victims and families of
8 child sexual abuse cases; and

9 (6) A process for evaluating the implementation and
10 effectiveness of the protocol.

11 (f) The Advisory Board shall evaluate the implementation
12 and effectiveness of the protocol required under subsection (c)
13 of this Section on an annual basis, and shall propose
14 appropriate modifications to the protocol to maximize its
15 effectiveness. A report of the Advisory Board's review, along
16 with proposed modifications, shall be submitted to the Illinois
17 Child Advocacy Commission for its review and comments. After
18 considering the comments of the Illinois Child Advocacy
19 Commission and adopting modifications, the Advisory Board
20 shall file its amended protocol with the Department of Children
21 and Family Services. A copy of the Advisory Board's review and
22 amended protocol shall be furnished to the Illinois Child
23 Advocacy Commission and to each agency in the county or
24 counties having any involvement with the cases covered by the
25 protocol.

26 (g) The Advisory Board shall ~~may~~ adopt, by a majority of

1 the members, a written protocol for coordinating cases of
2 serious or fatal injury to a child ~~physical abuse cases~~,
3 following the procedures and purposes described in subsections
4 (c), (d), (e), and (f) of this Section. The protocol shall be a
5 written document outlining in detail the procedures that will
6 be used by all of the agencies involved in investigating and
7 prosecuting cases arising from alleged cases of serious or
8 fatal injury to a child ~~physical abuse~~ and in coordinating
9 treatment referrals for the child and his or her family.

10 (Source: P.A. 89-543, eff. 1-1-97.)

11 (55 ILCS 80/4) (from Ch. 23, par. 1804)

12 Sec. 4. Children's Advocacy Center.

13 (a) A Children's Advocacy Center ("Center") may be
14 established to coordinate the activities of the various
15 agencies involved in the investigation, prosecution and
16 treatment referral of child sexual abuse. The Advisory Board
17 shall serve as the governing board for the Center. The
18 operation of the Center may be funded through grants,
19 contracts, or any other available sources. In counties in which
20 a referendum has been adopted under Section 5 of this Act, the
21 Advisory Board, by the majority vote of its members, shall
22 submit a proposed annual budget for the operation of the Center
23 to the county board, which shall appropriate funds and levy a
24 tax sufficient to operate the Center. The county board in each
25 county in which a referendum has been adopted shall establish a

1 Children's Advocacy Center Fund and shall deposit the net
2 proceeds of the tax authorized by Section 6 of this Act in that
3 Fund, which shall be kept separate from all other county funds
4 and shall only be used for the purposes of this Act.

5 (b) The Advisory Board shall pay from the Children's
6 Advocacy Center Fund or from other available funds the salaries
7 of all employees of the Center and the expenses of acquiring a
8 physical plant for the Center by construction or lease and
9 maintaining the Center, including the expenses of
10 administering the coordination of the investigation,
11 prosecution and treatment referral of child sexual abuse under
12 the provisions of the protocol adopted pursuant to this Act.

13 (c) Every Center shall include at least the following
14 components:

15 (1) An interdisciplinary, coordinated systems approach
16 to the investigation of child sexual abuse which shall
17 include, at a minimum;

18 (i) an interagency notification procedure;

19 (ii) a dispute resolution process between the
20 involved agencies when a conflict arises on how to
21 proceed with the investigation of a case;

22 (iii) a policy on interagency decision-making; and

23 (iv) a description of the role each agency has in
24 the investigation of the case;

25 (2) A safe, separate space with assigned personnel
26 designated for the investigation and coordination of child

1 sexual abuse cases;

2 (3) An interdisciplinary case review process for
3 purposes of decision-making, problem solving, systems
4 coordination, and information sharing;

5 (4) A comprehensive tracking system to receive and
6 coordinate information concerning child sexual abuse cases
7 from each participating agency;

8 (5) Interdisciplinary specialized training for all
9 professionals involved with the victims and families of
10 child sexual abuse cases; and

11 (6) A process for evaluating the effectiveness of the
12 Center and its operations.

13 (d) In the event that a Center has been established as
14 provided in this Section, the Advisory Board of that Center
15 may, by a majority of the members, authorize the Center to
16 coordinate the activities of the various agencies involved in
17 the investigation, prosecution, and treatment referral in
18 cases of serious or fatal injury to a child ~~physical abuse~~
19 ~~cases~~. The Advisory Board shall provide for the financial
20 support of these activities in a manner similar to that set out
21 in subsections (a) and (b) of this Section and shall be allowed
22 to submit a budget that includes support for physical abuse and
23 neglect activities to the County Board, which shall appropriate
24 funds that may be available under Section 5 of this Act. In
25 cooperation with the Department of Children and Family Services
26 Child Death Review Teams, the Department of Children and Family

1 Services Office of the Inspector General, the Department of
2 State Police, and other stakeholders, this protocol must be
3 initially implemented in selected counties to the extent that
4 State appropriations or funds from other sources for this
5 purpose allow.

6 (e) The Illinois Child Advocacy Commission may also provide
7 technical assistance and guidance to the Advisory Boards and
8 shall make a single annual grant for the purpose of providing
9 technical support and assistance for advocacy center
10 development in Illinois whenever an appropriation is made by
11 the General Assembly specifically for that purpose. The grant
12 may be made only to an Illinois not-for-profit corporation that
13 qualifies for tax treatment under Section 501(c)(3) of the
14 Internal Revenue Code and that has a voting membership
15 consisting of children's advocacy centers. The grant may be
16 spent on staff, office space, equipment, and other expenses
17 necessary for the development of resource materials and other
18 forms of technical support and assistance. The grantee shall
19 report to the Commission on the specific uses of grant funds by
20 no later than October 1 of each year and shall retain
21 supporting documentation for a period of at least 5 years after
22 the corresponding report is filed.

23 (Source: P.A. 91-158, eff. 7-16-99; 92-785, eff. 8-6-02.)