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by Rep. Lisa M. Dugan

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

325 ILCS 50/5

from Ch. 23, par. 2285

Amends the Missing Children Records Act. Provides that for every child enrolled in a particular school, preschool, or day care or other child care facility (instead of upon enrollment of a child for the first time in such a facility), that school or other entity shall notify in writing the person enrolling the child that he or she must provide "a copy of a certified copy" (instead of a certified copy) of the child's birth certificate. Effective immediately.

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AN ACT concerning children.

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

- 4 Section 5. The Missing Children Records Act is amended by 5 changing Section 5 as follows:
- (325 ILCS 50/5) (from Ch. 23, par. 2285) 6

7 Sec. 5. Duties of school or other entity.

8 (a) Upon notification by the Department of a person's 9 disappearance, a school, preschool educational program, child care facility, or day care home or group day care home in which 10 the person is currently or was previously enrolled shall flag 11 the record of that person in such a manner that whenever a copy 12 13 of or information regarding the record is requested, the school 14 or other entity shall be alerted to the fact that the record is that of a missing person. The school or other entity shall 15 16 immediately report to the Department any request concerning 17 flagged records or knowledge as to the whereabouts of any missing person. Upon notification by the Department that the 18 19 missing person has been recovered, the school or other entity 20 shall remove the flag from the person's record.

21 (b) (1) For every child enrolled Upon enrollment of a child 22 for the first time in a particular elementary or secondary school, public or private preschool educational program, 23

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public or private child care facility licensed under the Child 1 2 Care Act of 1969, or day care home or group day care home licensed under the Child Care Act of 1969, that school or other 3 entity shall notify in writing the person enrolling the child 4 5 that within 30 days he must provide either (i) a copy of a 6 certified copy of the child's birth certificate or (ii) other 7 reliable proof, as determined by the Department, of the child's identity and age and an affidavit explaining the inability to 8 9 produce a copy of the birth certificate. Other reliable proof 10 of the child's identity and age shall include a passport, visa 11 or other governmental documentation of the child's identity.

12 (2) Upon the failure of a person enrolling a child to 13 comply with subsection (b) (1), the school or other entity 14 shall immediately notify the Department or local law 15 enforcement agency of such failure, and shall notify the person 16 enrolling the child in writing that he has 10 additional days 17 to comply.

18 (3) The school or other entity shall immediately report to 19 the Department any affidavit received pursuant to this 20 subsection which appears inaccurate or suspicious in form or 21 content.

(c) Within 14 days after enrolling a transfer student, the elementary or secondary school shall request directly from the student's previous school a certified copy of his record. The requesting school shall exercise due diligence in obtaining the copy of the record requested. Any elementary or secondary

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school requested to forward a copy of a transferring student's record to the new school shall comply within 10 days of receipt of the request unless the record has been flagged pursuant to subsection (a), in which case the copy shall not be forwarded and the requested school shall notify the Department or local law enforcement authority of the request.

7 (Source: P.A. 95-439, eff. 1-1-08.)

8 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon 9 becoming law.