

1 AN ACT concerning civil law.

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 5 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 505/5) (from Ch. 23, par. 5005)

7 Sec. 5. Direct child welfare services; Department of
8 Children and Family Services. To provide direct child welfare
9 services when not available through other public or private
10 child care or program facilities.

11 (a) For purposes of this Section:

12 (1) "Children" means persons found within the State who
13 are under the age of 18 years. The term also includes
14 persons under age 19 who:

15 (A) were committed to the Department pursuant to
16 the Juvenile Court Act or the Juvenile Court Act of
17 1987, as amended, prior to the age of 18 and who
18 continue under the jurisdiction of the court; or

19 (B) were accepted for care, service and training by
20 the Department prior to the age of 18 and whose best
21 interest in the discretion of the Department would be
22 served by continuing that care, service and training
23 because of severe emotional disturbances, physical

1 disability, social adjustment or any combination
2 thereof, or because of the need to complete an
3 educational or vocational training program.

4 (2) "Homeless youth" means persons found within the
5 State who are under the age of 19, are not in a safe and
6 stable living situation and cannot be reunited with their
7 families.

8 (3) "Child welfare services" means public social
9 services which are directed toward the accomplishment of
10 the following purposes:

11 (A) protecting and promoting the health, safety
12 and welfare of children, including homeless, dependent
13 or neglected children;

14 (B) remedying, or assisting in the solution of
15 problems which may result in, the neglect, abuse,
16 exploitation or delinquency of children;

17 (C) preventing the unnecessary separation of
18 children from their families by identifying family
19 problems, assisting families in resolving their
20 problems, and preventing the breakup of the family
21 where the prevention of child removal is desirable and
22 possible when the child can be cared for at home
23 without endangering the child's health and safety;

24 (D) restoring to their families children who have
25 been removed, by the provision of services to the child
26 and the families when the child can be cared for at

1 home without endangering the child's health and
2 safety;

3 (E) placing children in suitable adoptive homes,
4 in cases where restoration to the biological family is
5 not safe, possible or appropriate;

6 (F) assuring safe and adequate care of children
7 away from their homes, in cases where the child cannot
8 be returned home or cannot be placed for adoption. At
9 the time of placement, the Department shall consider
10 concurrent planning, as described in subsection (1-1)
11 of this Section so that permanency may occur at the
12 earliest opportunity. Consideration should be given so
13 that if reunification fails or is delayed, the
14 placement made is the best available placement to
15 provide permanency for the child;

16 (G) (blank);

17 (H) (blank); and

18 (I) placing and maintaining children in facilities
19 that provide separate living quarters for children
20 under the age of 18 and for children 18 years of age
21 and older, unless a child 18 years of age is in the
22 last year of high school education or vocational
23 training, in an approved individual or group treatment
24 program, in a licensed shelter facility, or secure
25 child care facility. The Department is not required to
26 place or maintain children:

- 1 (i) who are in a foster home, or
2 (ii) who are persons with a developmental
3 disability, as defined in the Mental Health and
4 Developmental Disabilities Code, or
5 (iii) who are female children who are
6 pregnant, pregnant and parenting or parenting, or
7 (iv) who are siblings, in facilities that
8 provide separate living quarters for children 18
9 years of age and older and for children under 18
10 years of age.

11 (b) Nothing in this Section shall be construed to authorize
12 the expenditure of public funds for the purpose of performing
13 abortions.

14 (c) The Department shall establish and maintain
15 tax-supported child welfare services and extend and seek to
16 improve voluntary services throughout the State, to the end
17 that services and care shall be available on an equal basis
18 throughout the State to children requiring such services.

19 (d) The Director may authorize advance disbursements for
20 any new program initiative to any agency contracting with the
21 Department. As a prerequisite for an advance disbursement, the
22 contractor must post a surety bond in the amount of the advance
23 disbursement and have a purchase of service contract approved
24 by the Department. The Department may pay up to 2 months
25 operational expenses in advance. The amount of the advance
26 disbursement shall be prorated over the life of the contract or

1 the remaining months of the fiscal year, whichever is less, and
2 the installment amount shall then be deducted from future
3 bills. Advance disbursement authorizations for new initiatives
4 shall not be made to any agency after that agency has operated
5 during 2 consecutive fiscal years. The requirements of this
6 Section concerning advance disbursements shall not apply with
7 respect to the following: payments to local public agencies for
8 child day care services as authorized by Section 5a of this
9 Act; and youth service programs receiving grant funds under
10 Section 17a-4.

11 (e) (Blank).

12 (f) (Blank).

13 (g) The Department shall establish rules and regulations
14 concerning its operation of programs designed to meet the goals
15 of child safety and protection, family preservation, family
16 reunification, and adoption, including but not limited to:

17 (1) adoption;

18 (2) foster care;

19 (3) family counseling;

20 (4) protective services;

21 (5) (blank);

22 (6) homemaker service;

23 (7) return of runaway children;

24 (8) (blank);

25 (9) placement under Section 5-7 of the Juvenile Court
26 Act or Section 2-27, 3-28, 4-25 or 5-740 of the Juvenile

1 Court Act of 1987 in accordance with the federal Adoption
2 Assistance and Child Welfare Act of 1980; and

3 (10) interstate services.

4 Rules and regulations established by the Department shall
5 include provisions for training Department staff and the staff
6 of Department grantees, through contracts with other agencies
7 or resources, in alcohol and drug abuse screening techniques
8 approved by the Department of Human Services, as a successor to
9 the Department of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse, for the
10 purpose of identifying children and adults who should be
11 referred to an alcohol and drug abuse treatment program for
12 professional evaluation.

13 (h) If the Department finds that there is no appropriate
14 program or facility within or available to the Department for a
15 ward and that no licensed private facility has an adequate and
16 appropriate program or none agrees to accept the ward, the
17 Department shall create an appropriate individualized,
18 program-oriented plan for such ward. The plan may be developed
19 within the Department or through purchase of services by the
20 Department to the extent that it is within its statutory
21 authority to do.

22 (i) Service programs shall be available throughout the
23 State and shall include but not be limited to the following
24 services:

25 (1) case management;

26 (2) homemakers;

- 1 (3) counseling;
- 2 (4) parent education;
- 3 (5) day care; and
- 4 (6) emergency assistance and advocacy.

5 In addition, the following services may be made available
6 to assess and meet the needs of children and families:

- 7 (1) comprehensive family-based services;
- 8 (2) assessments;
- 9 (3) respite care; and
- 10 (4) in-home health services.

11 The Department shall provide transportation for any of the
12 services it makes available to children or families or for
13 which it refers children or families.

14 (j) The Department may provide categories of financial
15 assistance and education assistance grants, and shall
16 establish rules and regulations concerning the assistance and
17 grants, to persons who adopt physically or mentally
18 handicapped, older and other hard-to-place children who (i)
19 immediately prior to their adoption were legal wards of the
20 Department or (ii) were determined eligible for financial
21 assistance with respect to a prior adoption and who become
22 available for adoption because the prior adoption has been
23 dissolved and the parental rights of the adoptive parents have
24 been terminated or because the child's adoptive parents have
25 died. The Department may, ~~subject to federal financial~~
26 ~~participation in the cost,~~ continue to provide financial

1 assistance and education assistance grants for a child who was
2 determined eligible for financial assistance under this
3 subsection (j) in the interim period beginning when the child's
4 adoptive parents died and ending with the finalization of the
5 new adoption of the child by another adoptive parent or
6 parents. The Department may also provide categories of
7 financial assistance and education assistance grants, and
8 shall establish rules and regulations for the assistance and
9 grants, to persons appointed guardian of the person under
10 Section 5-7 of the Juvenile Court Act or Section 2-27, 3-28,
11 4-25 or 5-740 of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 for children
12 who were wards of the Department for 12 months immediately
13 prior to the appointment of the guardian.

14 The amount of assistance may vary, depending upon the needs
15 of the child and the adoptive parents, as set forth in the
16 annual assistance agreement. Special purpose grants are
17 allowed where the child requires special service but such costs
18 may not exceed the amounts which similar services would cost
19 the Department if it were to provide or secure them as guardian
20 of the child.

21 Any financial assistance provided under this subsection is
22 inalienable by assignment, sale, execution, attachment,
23 garnishment, or any other remedy for recovery or collection of
24 a judgment or debt.

25 (j-5) The Department shall not deny or delay the placement
26 of a child for adoption if an approved family is available

1 either outside of the Department region handling the case, or
2 outside of the State of Illinois.

3 (k) The Department shall accept for care and training any
4 child who has been adjudicated neglected or abused, or
5 dependent committed to it pursuant to the Juvenile Court Act or
6 the Juvenile Court Act of 1987.

7 (l) Before July 1, 2000, the Department may provide, and
8 beginning July 1, 2000, the Department shall offer family
9 preservation services, as defined in Section 8.2 of the Abused
10 and Neglected Child Reporting Act, to help families, including
11 adoptive and extended families. Family preservation services
12 shall be offered (i) to prevent the placement of children in
13 substitute care when the children can be cared for at home or
14 in the custody of the person responsible for the children's
15 welfare, (ii) to reunite children with their families, or (iii)
16 to maintain an adoptive placement. Family preservation
17 services shall only be offered when doing so will not endanger
18 the children's health or safety. With respect to children who
19 are in substitute care pursuant to the Juvenile Court Act of
20 1987, family preservation services shall not be offered if a
21 goal other than those of subdivisions (A), (B), or (B-1) of
22 subsection (2) of Section 2-28 of that Act has been set.
23 Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to create a
24 private right of action or claim on the part of any individual
25 or child welfare agency.

26 The Department shall notify the child and his family of the

1 Department's responsibility to offer and provide family
2 preservation services as identified in the service plan. The
3 child and his family shall be eligible for services as soon as
4 the report is determined to be "indicated". The Department may
5 offer services to any child or family with respect to whom a
6 report of suspected child abuse or neglect has been filed,
7 prior to concluding its investigation under Section 7.12 of the
8 Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act. However, the child's
9 or family's willingness to accept services shall not be
10 considered in the investigation. The Department may also
11 provide services to any child or family who is the subject of
12 any report of suspected child abuse or neglect or may refer
13 such child or family to services available from other agencies
14 in the community, even if the report is determined to be
15 unfounded, if the conditions in the child's or family's home
16 are reasonably likely to subject the child or family to future
17 reports of suspected child abuse or neglect. Acceptance of such
18 services shall be voluntary.

19 The Department may, at its discretion except for those
20 children also adjudicated neglected or dependent, accept for
21 care and training any child who has been adjudicated addicted,
22 as a truant minor in need of supervision or as a minor
23 requiring authoritative intervention, under the Juvenile Court
24 Act or the Juvenile Court Act of 1987, but no such child shall
25 be committed to the Department by any court without the
26 approval of the Department. A minor charged with a criminal

1 offense under the Criminal Code of 1961 or adjudicated
2 delinquent shall not be placed in the custody of or committed
3 to the Department by any court, except a minor less than 13
4 years of age committed to the Department under Section 5-710 of
5 the Juvenile Court Act of 1987.

6 (1-1) The legislature recognizes that the best interests of
7 the child require that the child be placed in the most
8 permanent living arrangement as soon as is practically
9 possible. To achieve this goal, the legislature directs the
10 Department of Children and Family Services to conduct
11 concurrent planning so that permanency may occur at the
12 earliest opportunity. Permanent living arrangements may
13 include prevention of placement of a child outside the home of
14 the family when the child can be cared for at home without
15 endangering the child's health or safety; reunification with
16 the family, when safe and appropriate, if temporary placement
17 is necessary; or movement of the child toward the most
18 permanent living arrangement and permanent legal status.

19 When determining reasonable efforts to be made with respect
20 to a child, as described in this subsection, and in making such
21 reasonable efforts, the child's health and safety shall be the
22 paramount concern.

23 When a child is placed in foster care, the Department shall
24 ensure and document that reasonable efforts were made to
25 prevent or eliminate the need to remove the child from the
26 child's home. The Department must make reasonable efforts to

1 reunify the family when temporary placement of the child occurs
2 unless otherwise required, pursuant to the Juvenile Court Act
3 of 1987. At any time after the dispositional hearing where the
4 Department believes that further reunification services would
5 be ineffective, it may request a finding from the court that
6 reasonable efforts are no longer appropriate. The Department is
7 not required to provide further reunification services after
8 such a finding.

9 A decision to place a child in substitute care shall be
10 made with considerations of the child's health, safety, and
11 best interests. At the time of placement, consideration should
12 also be given so that if reunification fails or is delayed, the
13 placement made is the best available placement to provide
14 permanency for the child.

15 The Department shall adopt rules addressing concurrent
16 planning for reunification and permanency. The Department
17 shall consider the following factors when determining
18 appropriateness of concurrent planning:

- 19 (1) the likelihood of prompt reunification;
- 20 (2) the past history of the family;
- 21 (3) the barriers to reunification being addressed by
22 the family;
- 23 (4) the level of cooperation of the family;
- 24 (5) the foster parents' willingness to work with the
25 family to reunite;
- 26 (6) the willingness and ability of the foster family to

1 provide an adoptive home or long-term placement;

2 (7) the age of the child;

3 (8) placement of siblings.

4 (m) The Department may assume temporary custody of any
5 child if:

6 (1) it has received a written consent to such temporary
7 custody signed by the parents of the child or by the parent
8 having custody of the child if the parents are not living
9 together or by the guardian or custodian of the child if
10 the child is not in the custody of either parent, or

11 (2) the child is found in the State and neither a
12 parent, guardian nor custodian of the child can be located.

13 If the child is found in his or her residence without a parent,
14 guardian, custodian or responsible caretaker, the Department
15 may, instead of removing the child and assuming temporary
16 custody, place an authorized representative of the Department
17 in that residence until such time as a parent, guardian or
18 custodian enters the home and expresses a willingness and
19 apparent ability to ensure the child's health and safety and
20 resume permanent charge of the child, or until a relative
21 enters the home and is willing and able to ensure the child's
22 health and safety and assume charge of the child until a
23 parent, guardian or custodian enters the home and expresses
24 such willingness and ability to ensure the child's safety and
25 resume permanent charge. After a caretaker has remained in the
26 home for a period not to exceed 12 hours, the Department must

1 follow those procedures outlined in Section 2-9, 3-11, 4-8, or
2 5-415 of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987.

3 The Department shall have the authority, responsibilities
4 and duties that a legal custodian of the child would have
5 pursuant to subsection (9) of Section 1-3 of the Juvenile Court
6 Act of 1987. Whenever a child is taken into temporary custody
7 pursuant to an investigation under the Abused and Neglected
8 Child Reporting Act, or pursuant to a referral and acceptance
9 under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 of a minor in limited
10 custody, the Department, during the period of temporary custody
11 and before the child is brought before a judicial officer as
12 required by Section 2-9, 3-11, 4-8, or 5-415 of the Juvenile
13 Court Act of 1987, shall have the authority, responsibilities
14 and duties that a legal custodian of the child would have under
15 subsection (9) of Section 1-3 of the Juvenile Court Act of
16 1987.

17 The Department shall ensure that any child taken into
18 custody is scheduled for an appointment for a medical
19 examination.

20 A parent, guardian or custodian of a child in the temporary
21 custody of the Department who would have custody of the child
22 if he were not in the temporary custody of the Department may
23 deliver to the Department a signed request that the Department
24 surrender the temporary custody of the child. The Department
25 may retain temporary custody of the child for 10 days after the
26 receipt of the request, during which period the Department may

1 cause to be filed a petition pursuant to the Juvenile Court Act
2 of 1987. If a petition is so filed, the Department shall retain
3 temporary custody of the child until the court orders
4 otherwise. If a petition is not filed within the 10 day period,
5 the child shall be surrendered to the custody of the requesting
6 parent, guardian or custodian not later than the expiration of
7 the 10 day period, at which time the authority and duties of
8 the Department with respect to the temporary custody of the
9 child shall terminate.

10 (m-1) The Department may place children under 18 years of
11 age in a secure child care facility licensed by the Department
12 that cares for children who are in need of secure living
13 arrangements for their health, safety, and well-being after a
14 determination is made by the facility director and the Director
15 or the Director's designate prior to admission to the facility
16 subject to Section 2-27.1 of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987.
17 This subsection (m-1) does not apply to a child who is subject
18 to placement in a correctional facility operated pursuant to
19 Section 3-15-2 of the Unified Code of Corrections, unless the
20 child is a ward who was placed under the care of the Department
21 before being subject to placement in a correctional facility
22 and a court of competent jurisdiction has ordered placement of
23 the child in a secure care facility.

24 (n) The Department may place children under 18 years of age
25 in licensed child care facilities when in the opinion of the
26 Department, appropriate services aimed at family preservation

1 have been unsuccessful and cannot ensure the child's health and
2 safety or are unavailable and such placement would be for their
3 best interest. Payment for board, clothing, care, training and
4 supervision of any child placed in a licensed child care
5 facility may be made by the Department, by the parents or
6 guardians of the estates of those children, or by both the
7 Department and the parents or guardians, except that no
8 payments shall be made by the Department for any child placed
9 in a licensed child care facility for board, clothing, care,
10 training and supervision of such a child that exceed the
11 average per capita cost of maintaining and of caring for a
12 child in institutions for dependent or neglected children
13 operated by the Department. However, such restriction on
14 payments does not apply in cases where children require
15 specialized care and treatment for problems of severe emotional
16 disturbance, physical disability, social adjustment, or any
17 combination thereof and suitable facilities for the placement
18 of such children are not available at payment rates within the
19 limitations set forth in this Section. All reimbursements for
20 services delivered shall be absolutely inalienable by
21 assignment, sale, attachment, garnishment or otherwise.

22 (o) The Department shall establish an administrative
23 review and appeal process for children and families who request
24 or receive child welfare services from the Department. Children
25 who are wards of the Department and are placed by private child
26 welfare agencies, and foster families with whom those children

1 are placed, shall be afforded the same procedural and appeal
2 rights as children and families in the case of placement by the
3 Department, including the right to an initial review of a
4 private agency decision by that agency. The Department shall
5 insure that any private child welfare agency, which accepts
6 wards of the Department for placement, affords those rights to
7 children and foster families. The Department shall accept for
8 administrative review and an appeal hearing a complaint made by
9 (i) a child or foster family concerning a decision following an
10 initial review by a private child welfare agency or (ii) a
11 prospective adoptive parent who alleges a violation of
12 subsection (j-5) of this Section. An appeal of a decision
13 concerning a change in the placement of a child shall be
14 conducted in an expedited manner.

15 (p) There is hereby created the Department of Children and
16 Family Services Emergency Assistance Fund from which the
17 Department may provide special financial assistance to
18 families which are in economic crisis when such assistance is
19 not available through other public or private sources and the
20 assistance is deemed necessary to prevent dissolution of the
21 family unit or to reunite families which have been separated
22 due to child abuse and neglect. The Department shall establish
23 administrative rules specifying the criteria for determining
24 eligibility for and the amount and nature of assistance to be
25 provided. The Department may also enter into written agreements
26 with private and public social service agencies to provide

1 emergency financial services to families referred by the
2 Department. Special financial assistance payments shall be
3 available to a family no more than once during each fiscal year
4 and the total payments to a family may not exceed \$500 during a
5 fiscal year.

6 (q) The Department may receive and use, in their entirety,
7 for the benefit of children any gift, donation or bequest of
8 money or other property which is received on behalf of such
9 children, or any financial benefits to which such children are
10 or may become entitled while under the jurisdiction or care of
11 the Department.

12 The Department shall set up and administer no-cost,
13 interest-bearing accounts in appropriate financial
14 institutions for children for whom the Department is legally
15 responsible and who have been determined eligible for Veterans'
16 Benefits, Social Security benefits, assistance allotments from
17 the armed forces, court ordered payments, parental voluntary
18 payments, Supplemental Security Income, Railroad Retirement
19 payments, Black Lung benefits, or other miscellaneous
20 payments. Interest earned by each account shall be credited to
21 the account, unless disbursed in accordance with this
22 subsection.

23 In disbursing funds from children's accounts, the
24 Department shall:

25 (1) Establish standards in accordance with State and
26 federal laws for disbursing money from children's

1 accounts. In all circumstances, the Department's
2 "Guardianship Administrator" or his or her designee must
3 approve disbursements from children's accounts. The
4 Department shall be responsible for keeping complete
5 records of all disbursements for each account for any
6 purpose.

7 (2) Calculate on a monthly basis the amounts paid from
8 State funds for the child's board and care, medical care
9 not covered under Medicaid, and social services; and
10 utilize funds from the child's account, as covered by
11 regulation, to reimburse those costs. Monthly,
12 disbursements from all children's accounts, up to 1/12 of
13 \$13,000,000, shall be deposited by the Department into the
14 General Revenue Fund and the balance over 1/12 of
15 \$13,000,000 into the DCFS Children's Services Fund.

16 (3) Maintain any balance remaining after reimbursing
17 for the child's costs of care, as specified in item (2).
18 The balance shall accumulate in accordance with relevant
19 State and federal laws and shall be disbursed to the child
20 or his or her guardian, or to the issuing agency.

21 (r) The Department shall promulgate regulations
22 encouraging all adoption agencies to voluntarily forward to the
23 Department or its agent names and addresses of all persons who
24 have applied for and have been approved for adoption of a
25 hard-to-place or handicapped child and the names of such
26 children who have not been placed for adoption. A list of such

1 names and addresses shall be maintained by the Department or
2 its agent, and coded lists which maintain the confidentiality
3 of the person seeking to adopt the child and of the child shall
4 be made available, without charge, to every adoption agency in
5 the State to assist the agencies in placing such children for
6 adoption. The Department may delegate to an agent its duty to
7 maintain and make available such lists. The Department shall
8 ensure that such agent maintains the confidentiality of the
9 person seeking to adopt the child and of the child.

10 (s) The Department of Children and Family Services may
11 establish and implement a program to reimburse Department and
12 private child welfare agency foster parents licensed by the
13 Department of Children and Family Services for damages
14 sustained by the foster parents as a result of the malicious or
15 negligent acts of foster children, as well as providing third
16 party coverage for such foster parents with regard to actions
17 of foster children to other individuals. Such coverage will be
18 secondary to the foster parent liability insurance policy, if
19 applicable. The program shall be funded through appropriations
20 from the General Revenue Fund, specifically designated for such
21 purposes.

22 (t) The Department shall perform home studies and
23 investigations and shall exercise supervision over visitation
24 as ordered by a court pursuant to the Illinois Marriage and
25 Dissolution of Marriage Act or the Adoption Act only if:

26 (1) an order entered by an Illinois court specifically

1 directs the Department to perform such services; and

2 (2) the court has ordered one or both of the parties to
3 the proceeding to reimburse the Department for its
4 reasonable costs for providing such services in accordance
5 with Department rules, or has determined that neither party
6 is financially able to pay.

7 The Department shall provide written notification to the
8 court of the specific arrangements for supervised visitation
9 and projected monthly costs within 60 days of the court order.
10 The Department shall send to the court information related to
11 the costs incurred except in cases where the court has
12 determined the parties are financially unable to pay. The court
13 may order additional periodic reports as appropriate.

14 (u) In addition to other information that must be provided,
15 whenever the Department places a child with a prospective
16 adoptive parent or parents or in a licensed foster home, group
17 home, child care institution, or in a relative home, the
18 Department shall provide to the prospective adoptive parent or
19 parents or other caretaker:

20 (1) available detailed information concerning the
21 child's educational and health history, copies of
22 immunization records (including insurance and medical card
23 information), a history of the child's previous
24 placements, if any, and reasons for placement changes
25 excluding any information that identifies or reveals the
26 location of any previous caretaker;

1 (2) a copy of the child's portion of the client service
2 plan, including any visitation arrangement, and all
3 amendments or revisions to it as related to the child; and

4 (3) information containing details of the child's
5 individualized educational plan when the child is
6 receiving special education services.

7 The caretaker shall be informed of any known social or
8 behavioral information (including, but not limited to,
9 criminal background, fire setting, perpetuation of sexual
10 abuse, destructive behavior, and substance abuse) necessary to
11 care for and safeguard the children to be placed or currently
12 in the home. The Department may prepare a written summary of
13 the information required by this paragraph, which may be
14 provided to the foster or prospective adoptive parent in
15 advance of a placement. The foster or prospective adoptive
16 parent may review the supporting documents in the child's file
17 in the presence of casework staff. In the case of an emergency
18 placement, casework staff shall at least provide known
19 information verbally, if necessary, and must subsequently
20 provide the information in writing as required by this
21 subsection.

22 The information described in this subsection shall be
23 provided in writing. In the case of emergency placements when
24 time does not allow prior review, preparation, and collection
25 of written information, the Department shall provide such
26 information as it becomes available. Within 10 business days

1 after placement, the Department shall obtain from the
2 prospective adoptive parent or parents or other caretaker a
3 signed verification of receipt of the information provided.
4 Within 10 business days after placement, the Department shall
5 provide to the child's guardian ad litem a copy of the
6 information provided to the prospective adoptive parent or
7 parents or other caretaker. The information provided to the
8 prospective adoptive parent or parents or other caretaker shall
9 be reviewed and approved regarding accuracy at the supervisory
10 level.

11 (u-5) Effective July 1, 1995, only foster care placements
12 licensed as foster family homes pursuant to the Child Care Act
13 of 1969 shall be eligible to receive foster care payments from
14 the Department. Relative caregivers who, as of July 1, 1995,
15 were approved pursuant to approved relative placement rules
16 previously promulgated by the Department at 89 Ill. Adm. Code
17 335 and had submitted an application for licensure as a foster
18 family home may continue to receive foster care payments only
19 until the Department determines that they may be licensed as a
20 foster family home or that their application for licensure is
21 denied or until September 30, 1995, whichever occurs first.

22 (v) The Department shall access criminal history record
23 information as defined in the Illinois Uniform Conviction
24 Information Act and information maintained in the adjudicatory
25 and dispositional record system as defined in Section 2605-355
26 of the Department of State Police Law (20 ILCS 2605/2605-355)

1 if the Department determines the information is necessary to
2 perform its duties under the Abused and Neglected Child
3 Reporting Act, the Child Care Act of 1969, and the Children and
4 Family Services Act. The Department shall provide for
5 interactive computerized communication and processing
6 equipment that permits direct on-line communication with the
7 Department of State Police's central criminal history data
8 repository. The Department shall comply with all certification
9 requirements and provide certified operators who have been
10 trained by personnel from the Department of State Police. In
11 addition, one Office of the Inspector General investigator
12 shall have training in the use of the criminal history
13 information access system and have access to the terminal. The
14 Department of Children and Family Services and its employees
15 shall abide by rules and regulations established by the
16 Department of State Police relating to the access and
17 dissemination of this information.

18 (w) Within 120 days of August 20, 1995 (the effective date
19 of Public Act 89-392), the Department shall prepare and submit
20 to the Governor and the General Assembly, a written plan for
21 the development of in-state licensed secure child care
22 facilities that care for children who are in need of secure
23 living arrangements for their health, safety, and well-being.
24 For purposes of this subsection, secure care facility shall
25 mean a facility that is designed and operated to ensure that
26 all entrances and exits from the facility, a building or a

1 distinct part of the building, are under the exclusive control
2 of the staff of the facility, whether or not the child has the
3 freedom of movement within the perimeter of the facility,
4 building, or distinct part of the building. The plan shall
5 include descriptions of the types of facilities that are needed
6 in Illinois; the cost of developing these secure care
7 facilities; the estimated number of placements; the potential
8 cost savings resulting from the movement of children currently
9 out-of-state who are projected to be returned to Illinois; the
10 necessary geographic distribution of these facilities in
11 Illinois; and a proposed timetable for development of such
12 facilities.

13 (Source: P.A. 94-215, eff. 1-1-06; 94-1010, eff. 10-1-06.)

14 Section 10. The Adoption Act is amended by changing Section
15 14b as follows:

16 (750 ILCS 50/14b)

17 Sec. 14b. Death of intended adoptive parent prior to entry
18 of judgment. After any court has acquired jurisdiction over
19 the person of any intended adoptive parent in an adoption
20 proceeding, if the intended adoptive parent dies before entry
21 of final judgment, upon petition by the other intended adoptive
22 parent or the child's guardian ad litem suggesting the death of
23 the intended adoptive parent and asking that the court proceed
24 in absence of the deceased intended adoptive parent to enter a

1 final judgment, in the presence of the other intended adoptive
2 parent or the child to be adopted who is a party to the record,
3 the court shall proceed to hearing and final judgment ~~to enable~~
4 ~~the child to have the intended name by adoption.~~ Otherwise the
5 court may dismiss the proceeding.

6 This amendatory Act of the 91st General Assembly shall
7 apply to all cases in which the court acquired jurisdiction of
8 the person of any intended adoptive parent in an adoption
9 proceeding, if such jurisdiction was acquired on or after
10 November 1, 1997.

11 (Source: P.A. 91-573, eff. 1-1-00.)

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