

SB2704



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Introduced 2/15/2008, by Sen. Emil Jones, Jr.

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

405 ILCS 49/5

Amends the Children's Mental Health Act of 2003. Makes technical changes in a Section concerning a children's mental health plan.

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A BILL FOR

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 5. The Children's Mental Health Act of 2003 is
5 amended by changing Section 5 as follows:

6 (405 ILCS 49/5)

7 Sec. 5. Children's Mental Health Plan.

8 (a) The ~~The~~ State of Illinois shall develop a Children's
9 Mental Health Plan containing short-term and long-term
10 recommendations to provide comprehensive, coordinated mental
11 health prevention, early intervention, and treatment services
12 for children from birth through age 18. This Plan shall include
13 but not be limited to:

14 (1) Coordinated provider services and interagency
15 referral networks for children from birth through age 18 to
16 maximize resources and minimize duplication of services.

17 (2) Guidelines for incorporating social and emotional
18 development into school learning standards and educational
19 programs, pursuant to Section 15 of this Act.

20 (3) Protocols for implementing screening and
21 assessment of children prior to any admission to an
22 inpatient hospital for psychiatric services, pursuant to
23 subsection (a) of Section 5-5.23 of the Illinois Public Aid

1 Code.

2 (4) Recommendations regarding a State budget for
3 children's mental health prevention, early intervention,
4 and treatment across all State agencies.

5 (5) Recommendations for State and local mechanisms for
6 integrating federal, State, and local funding sources for
7 children's mental health.

8 (6) Recommendations for building a qualified and
9 adequately trained workforce prepared to provide mental
10 health services for children from birth through age 18 and
11 their families.

12 (7) Recommendations for facilitating research on best
13 practices and model programs, and dissemination of this
14 information to Illinois policymakers, practitioners, and
15 the general public through training, technical assistance,
16 and educational materials.

17 (8) Recommendations for a comprehensive, multi-faceted
18 public awareness campaign to reduce the stigma of mental
19 illness and educate families, the general public, and other
20 key audiences about the benefits of children's social and
21 emotional development, and how to access services.

22 (9) Recommendations for creating a quality-driven
23 children's mental health system with shared accountability
24 among key State agencies and programs that conducts ongoing
25 needs assessments, uses outcome indicators and benchmarks
26 to measure progress, and implements quality data tracking

1 and reporting systems.

2 (b) The Children's Mental Health Partnership (hereafter
3 referred to as "the Partnership") is created. The Partnership
4 shall have the responsibility of developing and monitoring the
5 implementation of the Children's Mental Health Plan as approved
6 by the Governor. The Children's Mental Health Partnership shall
7 be comprised of: the Secretary of Human Services or his or her
8 designee; the State Superintendent of Education or his or her
9 designee; the directors of the departments of Children and
10 Family Services, Healthcare and Family Services ~~Public Aid,~~
11 Public Health, and Juvenile Justice, or their designees; the
12 head of the Illinois Violence Prevention Authority, or his or
13 her designee; the Attorney General or his or her designee; up
14 to 25 representatives of community mental health authorities
15 and statewide mental health, children and family advocacy,
16 early childhood, education, health, substance abuse, violence
17 prevention, and juvenile justice organizations or
18 associations, to be appointed by the Governor; and 2 members of
19 each caucus of the House of Representatives and Senate
20 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and
21 the President of the Senate, respectively. The Governor shall
22 appoint the Partnership Chair and shall designate a Governor's
23 staff liaison to work with the Partnership.

24 (c) The Partnership shall submit a Preliminary Plan to the
25 Governor on September 30, 2004 and shall submit the Final Plan
26 on June 30, 2005. Thereafter, on September 30 of each year, the

1 Partnership shall submit an annual report to the Governor on
2 the progress of Plan implementation and recommendations for
3 revisions in the Plan. The Final Plan and annual reports
4 submitted in subsequent years shall include estimates of
5 savings achieved in prior fiscal years under subsection (a) of
6 Section 5-5.23 of the Illinois Public Aid Code and federal
7 financial participation received under subsection (b) of
8 Section 5-5.23 of that Code. The Department of Healthcare and
9 Family Services ~~Public Aid~~ shall provide technical assistance
10 in developing these estimates and reports.

11 (Source: P.A. 93-495, eff. 8-8-03; 94-696, eff. 6-1-06; revised
12 9-14-06.)