

**SB2837**



**95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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Introduced 2/15/2008, by Sen. Linda Holmes

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

405 ILCS 49/5

Amends the Children's Mental Health Act of 2003. Makes a technical change 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  
11 Health, and Juvenile Justice, or their designees; the head of  
12 the Illinois Violence Prevention Authority, or his or her  
13 designee; the Attorney General or his or her designee; up to 25  
14 representatives of community mental health authorities and  
15 statewide mental health, children and family advocacy, early  
16 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 shall provide technical assistance in  
10 developing these estimates and reports.

11 (Source: P.A. 94-696, eff. 6-1-06; 95-331, eff. 8-21-07.)