

HB0091



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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 505/4a

from Ch. 23, par. 5004a

Amends the Children and Family Services Act. Provides that on or before the first Friday in October (rather than April) of each year, the Department of Children and Family Services shall submit to the Governor and the General Assembly a State comprehensive child abuse and neglect prevention plan. Effective immediately.

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A BILL FOR

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 4a as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 505/4a) (from Ch. 23, par. 5004a)

7 Sec. 4a. (a) To administer child abuse prevention shelters
8 and service programs for abused and neglected children, or
9 provide for their administration by not-for-profit
10 corporations, community-based organizations or units of local
11 government.

12 The Department is hereby designated the single State agency
13 for planning and coordination of child abuse and neglect
14 prevention programs and services. On or before the first Friday
15 in October ~~April~~ of each year, the Department shall submit to
16 the Governor and the General Assembly a State comprehensive
17 child abuse and neglect prevention plan. The plan shall:
18 identify priorities, goals and objectives; identify the
19 resources necessary to implement the plan, including estimates
20 of resources needed to investigate or otherwise process reports
21 of suspected child abuse or neglect and to provide necessary
22 follow-up services for child protection, family preservation
23 and family reunification in "indicated" cases as determined

1 under the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act; make
2 proposals for the most effective use of existing resources to
3 implement the plan, including recommendations for the optimum
4 use of private, local public, State and federal resources; and
5 propose strategies for the development of additional resources
6 to meet the goal of reducing the incidence of child abuse and
7 neglect and reducing the number of reports of suspected child
8 abuse and neglect made to the Department.

9 (b) The administration of child abuse prevention, shelters
10 and service programs under subsection (a) shall be funded in
11 part by appropriations made from the Child Abuse Prevention
12 Fund, which is hereby created in the State Treasury, and in
13 part by appropriations from the General Revenue Fund. All
14 interest earned on monies in the Child Abuse Prevention Fund
15 shall remain in such fund. The Department and the State
16 Treasurer may accept funds as provided by Sections 507 and 508
17 of the Illinois Income Tax Act and unsolicited private
18 donations for deposit into the Child Abuse Prevention Fund.
19 Annual requests for appropriations for the purpose of providing
20 child abuse and neglect prevention programs and services under
21 this Section shall be made in separate and distinct line-items.
22 In setting priorities for the direction and scope of such
23 programs, the Director shall be advised by the State-wide
24 Citizen's Committee on Child Abuse and Neglect.

25 (c) Where the Department contracts with outside agencies to
26 operate the shelters or programs, such outside agencies may

1 receive funding from the Department, except that the shelters
2 must certify a 20% financial match for operating expenses of
3 their programs. In selecting the outside agencies to administer
4 child shelters and service programs, and in allocating funds
5 for such agencies, the Department shall give priority to new
6 and existing shelters or programs offering the broadest range
7 of services to the community served.

8 (d) The Department shall have the power to make grants of
9 monies to fund comprehensive community-based services to
10 reduce the incidence of family dysfunction typified by child
11 abuse and neglect; to diminish those factors found to increase
12 family dysfunction; and to measure the effectiveness and costs
13 of such services.

14 (e) For implementing such intergovernmental cooperation
15 and involvement, units of local government and public and
16 private agencies may apply for and receive federal or State
17 funds from the Department under this Act or seek and receive
18 gifts from local philanthropic or other private local sources
19 in order to augment any State funds appropriated for the
20 purposes of this Act.

21 (f) For the purposes of this Section:

22 (1) The terms "abused child" and "neglected child" have
23 meanings ascribed to them in Section 3 of the Abused and
24 Neglected Child Reporting Act.

25 (2) "Shelter" has the meaning ascribed to it in Section 1-3
26 of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987.

1 (Source: P.A. 85-1209.)

2 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
3 becoming law.