



## 97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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HB2856

Introduced 2/22/2011, by Rep. Raymond Poe

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

325 ILCS 20/10

from Ch. 23, par. 4160

Amends the Early Intervention Services System Act. Requires the Department of Human Services, or an entity designated by the Department, to develop and maintain an updated list of all of the State-approved public or private early intervention service providers in each local service area. Provides that the list shall be available on the Department or designated entity's website to allow free access to the list by eligible children and their families. Further provides that the list shall not include any information which would lead to preferential selection of any provider or group of providers over other providers, and that providers may not be included on the list of approved providers if, within the preceding 5 years, the provider has been a service coordinator of a local regional intake entity in a local service area. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning children.

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

4 Section 5. The Early Intervention Services System Act is  
5 amended by changing Section 10 as follows:

6 (325 ILCS 20/10) (from Ch. 23, par. 4160)

7 Sec. 10. Standards. The Council and the lead agency, with  
8 assistance from parents and providers, shall develop and  
9 promulgate policies and procedures relating to the  
10 establishment and implementation of program and personnel  
11 standards to ensure that services provided are consistent with  
12 any State-approved or recognized certification, licensing,  
13 registration, or other comparable requirements which apply to  
14 the area of early intervention program service standards. Only  
15 State-approved public or private early intervention service  
16 providers shall be eligible to receive State and federal  
17 funding for early intervention services. All early childhood  
18 intervention staff shall hold the highest entry requirement  
19 necessary for that position.

20 The lead agency, or an entity designated by the lead  
21 agency, shall develop and maintain an updated list of all of  
22 the State-approved public or private early intervention  
23 service providers in each local service area. This list shall

1 be available on the lead agency or designated entity's website  
2 and shall also be available in any other manner as determined  
3 by the lead agency or designated entity to allow free access to  
4 the list by eligible children and their families. The list  
5 shall not include any information which would lead to  
6 preferential selection of any provider or group of providers  
7 over other providers. Providers may not be included on the list  
8 of approved providers if, within the preceding 5 years, the  
9 provider has been a service coordinator of a local regional  
10 intake entity in a local service area.

11 To be a State-approved early intervention service  
12 provider, an individual (i) shall not have served or completed,  
13 within the preceding 5 years, a sentence for conviction of any  
14 felony that the Department establishes by rule and (ii) shall  
15 not have been indicated as a perpetrator of child abuse or  
16 neglect, within the preceding 5 years, in an investigation by  
17 Illinois (pursuant to the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting  
18 Act) or another state. The Department is authorized to receive  
19 criminal background checks for such providers and persons  
20 applying to be such a provider and to receive child abuse and  
21 neglect reports regarding indicated perpetrators who are  
22 applying to provide or currently authorized to provide early  
23 intervention services in Illinois. Beginning January 1, 2004,  
24 every provider of State-approved early intervention services  
25 and every applicant to provide such services must authorize, in  
26 writing and in the form required by the Department, a criminal

1 background check and check of child abuse and neglect reports  
2 regarding the provider or applicant as a condition of  
3 authorization to provide early intervention services. The  
4 Department shall use the results of the checks only to  
5 determine State approval of the early intervention service  
6 provider and shall not re-release the information except as  
7 necessary to accomplish that purpose.

8 (Source: P.A. 93-147, eff. 1-1-04.)

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