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### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

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Amends the Illinois Pension Code, the School Code, the Illinois Insurance Code, the Health Maintenance Organization Act, the Voluntary Health Services Plans Act, the Illinois Public Aid Code, the Crime Victims Compensation Act, the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act, the Emancipation of Minors Act, the Adoption Act, the Religious Freedom and Marriage Fairness Act, the Probate Act of 1975, and the Line of Duty Compensation Act. Replaces references to children born out of wedlock with references to nonmarital children and a reference to children born in wedlock with a reference to marital children. Prohibits the use of the word "nonmarital" in an adoption proceeding. Adds the word "marital" to a list of terms that refer to or denote the spousal relationship.

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PENSION IMPACT NOTE ACT MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

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AN ACT concerning children.

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

Section 5. The Illinois Pension Code is amended by changing
Sections 1-104.2 and 15-129 as follows:

6 (40 ILCS 5/1-104.2) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 1-104.2)

7 Sec. 1-104.2. Beginning January 1, 1986, nonmarital children not conceived in lawful wedlock shall be entitled to 8 9 the same benefits as other children, and no child's or survivor's benefit shall be disallowed because of the fact that 10 the child is a nonmarital child was born out of wedlock; 11 12 however, in cases where the father is the employee parent, 13 paternity must first be established. Paternity may be 14 established by any one of the following means: (1) acknowledgment by the father, or (2) adjudication before or 15 after the death of the father, or (3) any other means 16 17 acceptable to the board of trustees of the pension fund or retirement system. 18

19 (Source: P.A. 94-229, eff. 1-1-06.)

20 (40 ILCS 5/15-129) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 15-129)

21 Sec. 15-129. Child.

22 "Child": The child of a participant or an annuitant,

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24 applicable, or comprising information recognized as accurate,

scientific methods and published in peer-reviewed journals, if

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1 objective, and complete.

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2 (a-5) No pupil shall be required to take or participate in any class or course in comprehensive sex education if his 3 parent or quardian submits written objection thereto, and 4 5 refusal to take or participate in such course or program shall not be reason for suspension or expulsion of such pupil. Each 6 7 class or course in comprehensive sex education offered in any of grades 6 through 12 shall include instruction on both 8 9 abstinence and contraception for the prevention of pregnancy 10 and sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV/AIDS. Nothing 11 in this Section prohibits instruction in sanitation, hygiene or 12 traditional courses in biology.

13 (b) All public school classes that teach sex education and discuss sexual intercourse in grades 6 through 12 shall 14 15 emphasize that abstinence from sexual intercourse is а 16 responsible and positive decision and is the only protection 17 that is 100% effective against unwanted teenage pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, and acquired immune deficiency 18 19 syndrome (AIDS) when transmitted sexually.

20 (c) All classes that teach sex education and discuss sexual 21 intercourse in grades 6 through 12 shall satisfy the following 22 criteria:

(1) Course material and instruction shall be
 developmentally and age appropriate, medically accurate,
 and complete.

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(1.5) Course material and instruction shall replicate

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evidence-based programs or substantially incorporate
 elements of evidence-based programs.

3 (2) Course material and instruction shall teach honor
 4 and respect for monogamous heterosexual marriage.

Course material and instruction shall place 5 (3)6 substantial emphasis on both abstinence, including 7 abstinence until marriage, and contraception for the 8 prevention of pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases 9 among youth and shall stress that abstinence is the ensured 10 method of avoiding unintended pregnancy, sexually 11 transmitted diseases, and HIV/AIDS.

12 (4) Course material and instruction shall include a 13 discussion of the possible emotional and psychological 14 consequences of preadolescent and adolescent sexual 15 intercourse and the consequences of unwanted adolescent 16 pregnancy.

17 (5) Course material and instruction shall stress that 18 sexually transmitted diseases are serious possible hazards 19 of sexual intercourse. Pupils shall be provided with 20 statistics based on the latest medical information citing 21 the failure and success rates of condoms in preventing AIDS 22 and other sexually transmitted diseases.

23 (6) Course material and instruction shall advise
24 pupils of the laws pertaining to their financial
25 responsibility to marital and nonmarital children born in
26 and out of wedlock.

1 (7) Course material and instruction shall advise 2 pupils of the circumstances under which it is unlawful for 3 males to have sexual relations with females under the age 4 of 18 to whom they are not married pursuant to Article 11 5 of the Criminal Code of 2012.

6 (8) Course material and instruction shall teach pupils 7 to not make unwanted physical and verbal sexual advances 8 and how to say no to unwanted sexual advances. Pupils shall 9 be taught that it is wrong to take advantage of or to 10 exploit another person. The material and instruction shall 11 also encourage youth to resist negative peer pressure.

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(10) Course material and instruction shall teach
pupils about the dangers associated with drug and alcohol
consumption during pregnancy.

(d) An opportunity shall be afforded to individuals,
including parents or guardians, to examine the instructional
materials to be used in such class or course.

(e) The State Board of Education shall make available 19 resource materials, with the cooperation and input of the 20 21 agency that administers grant programs consistent with 22 criteria (1) and (1.5) of subsection (c) of this Section, for 23 educating children regarding sex education and may take into 24 consideration the curriculum on this subject developed by other 25 states, as well as any other curricular materials suggested by 26 education experts and other groups that work on sex education HB0497 - 6 - LRB099 04116 HEP 24135 b

issues. Materials may include without limitation model sex 1 2 education curriculums and sexual health education programs. The State Board of Education shall make these resource 3 materials available on its Internet website. School districts 4 5 that do not currently provide sex education are not required to 6 teach sex education. If a sex education class or course is 7 offered in any of grades 6 through 12, the school district may 8 choose and adapt the developmentally and age-appropriate, 9 medically accurate, evidence-based, and complete sex education 10 curriculum that meets the specific needs of its community. 11 (Source: P.A. 97-1150, eff. 1-25-13; 98-441, eff. 1-1-14.)

Section 15. The Illinois Insurance Code is amended by changing Section 356i as follows:

14 (215 ILCS 5/356i) (from Ch. 73, par. 968i)

15 Sec. 356i. Medical assistance; coverage of child.

16 (a) In this Section, "Medicaid" means medical assistance17 authorized under Section 1902 of the Social Security Act.

(b) An individual or group policy of accident and health insurance that is delivered or issued for delivery to any person in this State or renewed or amended may not contain any provision which limits or excludes payments of hospital or medical benefits coverage to or on behalf of the insured because the insured or any covered dependent is eligible for or receiving Medicaid benefits in this or any other state. - 7 - LRB099 04116 HEP 24135 b

1 (c) To the extent that payment for covered expenses has 2 been made under Article V, VI, or VII of the Illinois Public 3 Aid Code for health care services provided to an individual, if 4 a third party has a legal liability to make payments for those 5 health care services, the State is considered to have acquired 6 the rights of the individual to payment.

7 (d) If a child is covered under an accident and health 8 insurance policy issued to the child's noncustodial parent, the 9 issuer of the policy shall do all of the following:

(1) Provide necessary information to the child's
 custodial parent to enable the child to obtain benefits
 under that coverage.

13 (2) Permit the child's custodial parent (or the 14 provider, with the custodial parent's approval) to submit 15 claims for payment for covered services without the 16 approval of the noncustodial parent.

17 (3) Make payments on claims submitted in accordance 18 with paragraph (2) directly to the custodial parent, the 19 provider of health care services, or the state Medicaid 20 agency.

(e) An insurer may not deny enrollment of a child under the accident and health insurance coverage of the child's parent on any of the following grounds:

24 (1) The child is a nonmarital child was born out of
25 wedlock.

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(2) The child is not claimed as a dependent on the

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1 parent's federal income tax return.

2 (3) The child does not reside with the parent or in the3 insurer's service area.

4 (f) If a parent is required by a court or administrative 5 order to provide accident and health insurance coverage for a 6 child and the parent is insured under a plan that offers 7 coverage for eligible dependents, the insurer, upon receiving a 8 copy of the order, shall:

9 (1) Upon application, permit the parent to add to the 10 parent's coverage such a child who is otherwise eligible 11 for that coverage, without regard to any enrollment season 12 restrictions.

(2) Add the child to the parent's coverage upon application of the child's other parent, the state agency administering the Medicaid program, or the state agency administering a program for enforcing child support and establishing paternity under 42 U.S.C. 651 through 669 (or another child support enforcement program), if the parent is covered but fails to apply for coverage for the child.

(g) An insurer may not impose, on a state agency that has been assigned the rights of a covered individual who receives Medicaid benefits, requirements that are different from requirements applicable to an assignee of any other individual covered under the same insurance policy.

(h) Nothing in subsections (e) and (f) prevents an insurerfrom denying any such application if the child is not eligible

1 for coverage according to the insurer's medical underwriting 2 standards.

3 (i) The insurer may not eliminate coverage of such a child 4 unless the insurer is provided satisfactory written evidence of 5 either of the following:

6 (1) The court or administrative order is no longer in 7 effect.

8 (2) The child is or will be covered under a comparable 9 health care plan obtained by the parent under such order 10 and that coverage is currently in effect or will take 11 effect not later than the date the prior coverage is 12 terminated.

13 (Source: P.A. 89-183, eff. 1-1-96.)

Section 20. The Health Maintenance Organization Act is amended by changing Section 4-2 as follows:

16 (215 ILCS 125/4-2) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 1408.2)

17 Sec. 4-2. Medical assistance; coverage of child.

18 (a) In this Section, "Medicaid" means medical assistance19 authorized under Section 1902 of the Social Security Act.

20 (b) A contract or evidence of coverage delivered, issued 21 for delivery, renewed, or amended by a Health Maintenance 22 Organization may not contain any provision which limits or 23 excludes payments of health care services to or on behalf of 24 the enrollee because the enrollee or any covered dependent is

eligible for or is receiving Medicaid benefits in this or any other state.

3 (c) To the extent that payment for covered expenses has 4 been made under Article V, VI, or VII of the Illinois Public 5 Aid Code for health care services provided to an individual, if 6 a third party has a legal liability to make payments for those 7 health care services, the State is considered to have acquired 8 the rights of the individual to payment.

9 (d) If a child is covered under a health care plan of a 10 Health Maintenance Organization in which the child's 11 noncustodial parent is an enrollee, the Health Maintenance 12 Organization shall:

(1) Provide necessary information to the child's
custodial parent to enable the child to obtain benefits
under that health care plan.

16 (2) Permit the child's custodial parent (or the 17 provider, with the custodial parent's approval) to submit 18 claims for payment for covered services without the 19 approval of the noncustodial parent.

(3) Make payments on claims submitted in accordance
with paragraph (2) directly to the custodial parent, the
provider of health care services, or the state Medicaid
agency.

(e) A Health Maintenance Organization may not deny
 enrollment of a child under the health care plan in which the
 child's parent is an enrollee on any of the following grounds:

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(1) The child <u>is a nonmarital child</u> was born out of
 wedlock.

(2) The child is not claimed as a dependent on the parent's federal income tax return.

5 (3) The child does not reside with the parent or in the
6 service area covered by the health care plan.

7 (f) If a parent is required by a court or administrative 8 order to provide coverage for a child under a health care plan 9 in which the parent is enrolled, and that offers coverage for 10 eligible dependents, the Health Maintenance Organization, upon 11 receiving a copy of the order, shall:

12 (1) Upon application, permit the parent to enroll in 13 the health care plan a child who is otherwise eligible for 14 that coverage, without regard to any enrollment season 15 restrictions that might otherwise be applicable as to the 16 time period within which a person may enroll in the plan.

17 (2) Enroll the child in the health care plan upon application of the child's other parent, the state agency 18 19 administering the Medicaid program, or the state agency 20 administering a program for enforcing child support and establishing paternity under 42 U.S.C. 651 through 669 (or 21 22 another child support enforcement program), if the parent 23 is enrolled in the health care plan but fails to apply for enrollment of the child. 24

25 (g) A Health Maintenance Organization may not impose, on a 26 state agency that has been assigned the rights of an enrollee HB0497

in a health care plan who receives Medicaid benefits,
 requirements that are different from requirements applicable
 to an assignee of any other enrollee in that health care plan.

4 (h) Nothing in subsections (e) and (f) prevents a Health 5 Maintenance Organization from denying any such application if 6 the child is not eligible for coverage according to the Health 7 Maintenance Organization's medical underwriting standards.

8 (i) The Health Maintenance Organization may not disenroll 9 (or otherwise eliminate coverage of) the child from the health 10 care plan unless the Health Maintenance Organization is 11 provided satisfactory written evidence of either of the 12 following:

13 (1) The court or administrative order is no longer in14 effect.

15 (2) The child is or will be enrolled in a comparable 16 health care plan obtained by the parent under such order 17 and that enrollment is currently in effect or will take 18 effect not later than the date the prior coverage is 19 terminated.

20 (Source: P.A. 89-183, eff. 1-1-96.)

21 Section 25. The Voluntary Health Services Plans Act is 22 amended by changing Section 15.12 as follows:

23 (215 ILCS 165/15.12) (from Ch. 32, par. 609.12)

24 Sec. 15.12. Medical assistance; coverage of child.

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(a) In this Section, "Medicaid" means medical assistance authorized under Section 1902 of the Social Security Act.

3 (b) A contract delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, or 4 amended by a health services plan corporation may not contain 5 any provision which limits or excludes payments of hospital or 6 medical benefits coverage to or on behalf of the subscriber 7 because the subscriber or any covered dependent is eligible for 8 or receiving Medicaid benefits in this or any other state.

9 (c) To the extent that payment for covered expenses has 10 been made under Article V, VI, or VII of the Illinois Public 11 Aid Code for health care services provided to an individual, if 12 a third party has a legal liability to make payments for those 13 health care services, the State is considered to have acquired 14 the rights of the individual to payment.

(d) If a child is covered under a voluntary health services plan in which the child's noncustodial parent is a beneficiary, the health services plan corporation shall:

(1) Provide necessary information to the child's
custodial parent to enable the child to obtain benefits
under that voluntary health services plan.

(2) Permit the child's custodial parent (or the provider, with the custodial parent's approval) to submit claims for payment for covered services without the approval of the noncustodial parent.

(3) Make payments on claims submitted in accordance
 with paragraph (2) directly to the custodial parent, the

1 provider of health care services, or the state Medicaid 2 agency.

3 (e) A health services plan corporation may not deny 4 enrollment of a child under a voluntary health services plan in 5 which the child's parent is a beneficiary on any of the 6 following grounds:

7 (1) The child <u>is a nonmarital child</u> was born out of
8 wedlock.

9 (2) The child is not claimed as a dependent on the 10 parent's federal income tax return.

11 (3) The child does not reside with the parent or in the 12 area covered by the plan.

(f) If a parent is required by a court or administrative order to provide coverage for a child under a voluntary health services plan and has a plan which offers coverage for eligible dependents, the health services plan corporation, upon receiving a copy of the order, shall:

(1) Upon application, permit the parent to enroll, as a
subscriber to the plan, a child who is otherwise eligible
for that coverage, without regard to any enrollment season
restrictions that might otherwise be applicable as to the
time period within which a person may subscribe to the
plan.

(2) Enroll the child as a subscriber to the plan upon
 application of the child's other parent, the state agency
 administering the Medicaid program, or the state agency

administering a program for enforcing child support and establishing paternity under 42 U.S.C. 651 through 669 (or another child support enforcement program), if the parent is a beneficiary to the plan but fails to apply for enrollment of the child.

6 (g) A health services plan corporation may not impose, on a 7 state agency that has been assigned the rights of an individual 8 who is a beneficiary to a voluntary health services plan who 9 receives Medicaid benefits, requirements that are different 10 from requirements applicable to an assignee of any other 11 individual who is a beneficiary to that plan.

(h) Nothing in subsections (e) and (f) prevents a health services plan corporation from denying any such application if the child is not eligible for coverage according to the health services plan corporation's medical underwriting standards.

16 (i) The health services plan corporation may not disenroll 17 (or otherwise eliminate coverage of) the child from the plan 18 unless the corporation is provided satisfactory written 19 evidence of either of the following:

20 (1) The court or administrative order is no longer in21 effect.

(2) The child is or will be enrolled in a comparable
health care plan obtained by the parent under such order
and that enrollment is currently in effect or will take
effect not later than the date the prior coverage is
terminated.

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1 (Source: P.A. 89-183, eff. 1-1-96.)

2 Section 30. The Illinois Public Aid Code is amended by 3 changing Sections 10-2, 10-4, 10-6, and 11-9 as follows:

4 (305 ILCS 5/10-2) (from Ch. 23, par. 10-2)

Sec. 10-2. Extent of Liability. A husband is liable for the 5 6 support of his wife and a wife for the support of her husband. 7 Unless the child is otherwise emancipated, the parents are 8 severally liable for the support of any child under age 18, and 9 for any child aged 18 who is attending high school, until that 10 child graduates from high school, or attains the age of 19, 11 whichever is earlier. The term "child" includes a nonmarital child born out of wedlock, or legally adopted child. 12

In addition to the primary obligation of support imposed upon responsible relatives, such relatives, if individually or together in any combination they have sufficient income or other resources to support a needy person, in whole or in part, shall be liable for any financial aid extended under this Code to a person for whose support they are responsible, including amounts expended for funeral and burial costs.

20 (Source: P.A. 92-876, eff. 6-1-03.)

21 (305 ILCS 5/10-4) (from Ch. 23, par. 10-4)

22 Sec. 10-4. Notification of Support Obligation. The 23 administrative enforcement unit within the authorized area of - 17 - LRB099 04116 HEP 24135 b

its operation shall notify each responsible relative of an 1 2 applicant or recipient, or responsible relatives of other 3 persons given access to the child support enforcement services of this Article, of his legal obligation to support and shall 4 5 request such information concerning his financial status as may be necessary to determine whether he is financially able to 6 provide such support, in whole or in part. In cases involving a 7 8 nonmarital child born out of wedlock, the notification shall 9 include a statement that the responsible relative has been 10 named as the biological father of the child identified in the 11 notification.

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12 In the case of applicants, the notification shall be sent 13 as soon as practical after the filing of the application. In 14 the case of recipients, the notice shall be sent at such time 15 as may be established by rule of the Illinois Department.

16 The notice shall be accompanied by the forms or 17 questionnaires provided in Section 10-5. It shall inform the relative that he may be liable for reimbursement of any support 18 furnished from public aid funds prior to determination of the 19 20 relative's financial circumstances, as well as for future support. In the alternative, when support is sought on behalf 21 22 of applicants for or recipients of financial aid under Article 23 IV of this Code and other persons who are given access to the child support enforcement services of this Article as provided 24 25 in Section 10-1, the notice shall inform the relative that the 26 relative may be required to pay support for a period before the 1 date an administrative support order is entered, as well as 2 future support.

Neither the mailing nor receipt of such notice shall be 3 deemed a jurisdictional requirement for the subsequent 4 5 exercise of the investigative procedures undertaken by an administrative enforcement unit or the entry of any order or 6 7 determination of paternity or support or reimbursement by the 8 administrative enforcement unit; except that notice shall be 9 served by certified mail addressed to the responsible relative 10 at his or her last known address, return receipt requested, or 11 by a person who is licensed or registered as a private 12 detective under the Private Detective, Private Alarm, Private Security, Fingerprint Vendor, and Locksmith Act of 2004 or by a 13 14 registered employee of a private detective agency certified 15 under that Act, or in counties with a population of less than 16 2,000,000 by any method provided by law for service of summons, 17 in cases where a determination of paternity or support by default is sought on behalf of applicants for or recipients of 18 financial aid under Article IV of this Act and other persons 19 20 who are given access to the child support enforcement services of this Article as provided in Section 10-1. 21

22 (Source: P.A. 94-92, eff. 6-30-05; 95-613, eff. 9-11-07.)

23 (305 ILCS 5/10-6) (from Ch. 23, par. 10-6)

24 Sec. 10-6. Investigation and Determination. The 25 administrative enforcement unit shall review the forms or

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questionnaires returned by each responsible relative 1 and 2 supplement the information provided therein, where required, by such additional consultations with the responsible relative 3 and such other investigations as may be necessary, including 4 5 genetic testing if paternity is an issue and, applying the 6 standard or quidelines and regulations established by the 7 Illinois Department, shall determine whether and the extent to 8 which, the responsible relative individually or together in any 9 combination, are reasonably able to provide support. If the 10 child is a nonmarital child was born out of wedlock and the 11 case is subject to the voluntary acknowledgment of paternity or 12 the administrative determination of paternity under rules 13 established under Section 10-17.7, the Child and Spouse Support 14 Unit of the Illinois Department shall determine the child support obligation under subsection (b) of Section 10-7 upon 15 16 establishing the child's paternity. If the child's paternity 17 was established by judicial or administrative process in any other state, the Illinois Department may use administrative 18 processes contained in this Article X to establish a child 19 20 support order.

In aid of its investigative authority, the Child and Spouse Support Unit of the Illinois Department may use the subpoena power as set forth in this Article.

The Illinois Department, by rule, may authorize the administrative enforcement units to conduct periodic or other reinvestigations and redeterminations of the financial ability HB0497 - 20 - LRB099 04116 HEP 24135 b

of responsible relatives. Any redeterminations shall have the 1 2 effect of altering, amending, or modifying previous 3 determinations and administrative orders entered pursuant to Sections 10-7 and 10-11. However, any redetermination which 4 5 establishes liability for support or reimbursement, or which 6 modifies the support or reimbursement liability specified in a prior order, shall be subject to the provisions of Section 7 8 10-12 and the administrative and judicial review procedures 9 herein provided for original orders.

10 (Source: P.A. 89-641, eff. 8-9-96; 90-18, eff. 7-1-97.)

11 (305 ILCS 5/11-9) (from Ch. 23, par. 11-9)

12 Sec. 11-9. Protection of records - Exceptions. For the 13 protection of applicants and recipients, the Illinois 14 Department, the county departments and local governmental 15 units and their respective officers and employees are 16 prohibited, except as hereinafter provided, from disclosing the contents of any records, files, papers and communications, 17 18 except for purposes directly connected with the administration 19 of public aid under this Code.

In any judicial proceeding, except a proceeding directly concerned with the administration of programs provided for in this Code, such records, files, papers and communications, and their contents shall be deemed privileged communications and shall be disclosed only upon the order of the court, where the court finds such to be necessary in the interest of justice.

Department shall establish and enforce 1 The Illinois 2 reasonable rules and regulations governing the custody, use and 3 preservation of the records, papers, files, and communications of the Illinois Department, the county departments and local 4 5 governmental units receiving State or Federal funds or aid. The governing body of other local governmental units shall in like 6 7 manner establish and enforce rules and regulations governing 8 the same matters.

9 The contents of case files pertaining to recipients under 10 Articles IV, V, and VI shall be made available without subpoena 11 or formal notice to the officers of any court, to all law 12 enforcing agencies, and to such other persons or agencies as 13 from time to time may be authorized by any court. In 14 particular, the contents of those case files shall be made 15 available upon request to a law enforcement agency for the 16 purpose of determining the current address of a recipient with 17 respect to whom an arrest warrant is outstanding, and the current address of a recipient who was a victim of a felony or 18 19 a witness to a felony shall be made available upon request to a 20 State's Attorney of this State or a State's Attorney's investigator. Information shall also be disclosed to the 21 22 Illinois State Scholarship Commission pursuant to an 23 investigation or audit by the Illinois State Scholarship 24 Commission of a delinquent student loan or monetary award.

This Section does not prevent the Illinois Department and local governmental units from reporting to appropriate law

enforcement officials the desertion or abandonment by a parent 1 2 of a child, as a result of which financial aid has been necessitated under Articles IV, V, or VI, or reporting to 3 appropriate law enforcement officials instances in which a 4 5 mother under age 18 has a nonmarital child out of wedlock and is an applicant for or recipient of aid under any Article of 6 7 this Code. The Illinois Department may provide by rule for the 8 county departments and local governmental units to initiate 9 proceedings under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 to have 10 children declared to be neglected when they deem such action 11 necessary to protect the children from immoral influences 12 present in their home or surroundings.

13 This Section does not preclude the full exercise of the 14 powers of the Board of Public Aid Commissioners to inspect 15 records and documents, as provided for all advisory boards 16 pursuant to Section 5-505 of the Departments of State 17 Government Law (20 ILCS 5/5-505).

This Section does not preclude exchanges of information 18 19 among the Department of Healthcare and Family Services 20 (formerly Illinois Department of Public Aid), the Department of 21 Human Services (as successor to the Department of Public Aid), 22 and the Illinois Department of Revenue for the purpose of 23 verifying sources and amounts of income and for other purposes directly connected with the administration of this Code and of 24 25 the Illinois Income Tax Act.

26 The provisions of this Section and of Section 11-11 as they

1 apply to applicants and recipients of public aid under Article
2 V shall be operative only to the extent that they do not
3 conflict with any Federal law or regulation governing Federal
4 grants to this State for such programs.

5 The Department of Healthcare and Family Services and the 6 Department of Human Services (as successor to the Illinois 7 Department of Public Aid) shall enter into an inter-agency 8 agreement with the Department of Children and Family Services 9 to establish a procedure by which employees of the Department 10 of Children and Family Services may have immediate access to 11 records, files, papers, and communications (except medical, 12 alcohol or drug assessment or treatment, mental health, or any 13 other medical records) of the Illinois Department, county 14 departments, and local governmental units receiving State or 15 federal funds or aid, if the Department of Children and Family 16 Services determines the information is necessary to perform its 17 duties under the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act, the Child Care Act of 1969, and the Children and Family Services 18 19 Act.

20 (Source: P.A. 95-331, eff. 8-21-07.)

Section 35. The Crime Victims Compensation Act is amendedby changing Section 2 as follows:

23 (740 ILCS 45/2) (from Ch. 70, par. 72)

24 Sec. 2. Definitions. As used in this Act, unless the

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1 context otherwise requires:

2 "Applicant" means any person who (a) applies for compensation under this Act or any person the Court of Claims 3 4 finds is entitled to compensation, including the guardian of a 5 minor or of a person under legal disability. It includes any person who was a dependent of a deceased victim of a crime of 6 violence for his or her support at the time of the death of 7 8 that victim.

9 (b) "Court of Claims" means the Court of Claims created by10 the Court of Claims Act.

11 (c) "Crime of violence" means and includes any offense 12 defined in Sections 9-1, 9-1.2, 9-2, 9-2.1, 9-3, 9-3.2, 10-1, 10-2, 10-9, 11-1.20, 11-1.30, 11-1.40, 11-1.50, 11-1.60, 13 11-11, 11-19.2, 11-20.1, 11-20.1B, 11-20.3, 12-1, 12-2, 12-3, 14 12-3.1, 12-3.2, 12-3.3, 12-3.4, 12-4, 12-4.1, 12-4.2, 12-4.3, 15 16 12-5, 12-7.1, 12-7.3, 12-7.4, 12-13, 12-14, 12-14.1, 12-15, 17 12-16, 12-20.5, 12-30, 20-1 or 20-1.1, or Section 12-3.05 except for subdivision (a) (4) or (g) (1), or subdivision (a) (4) 18 of Section 11-14.4, of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the 19 20 Criminal Code of 2012, Sections 1(a) and 1(a-5) of the Cemetery Protection Act, Section 125 of the Stalking No Contact Order 21 22 Act, Section 219 of the Civil No Contact Order Act, driving 23 under the influence as defined in Section 11-501 of the Illinois Vehicle Code, a violation of Section 11-401 of the 24 25 Illinois Vehicle Code, provided the victim was a pedestrian or 26 was operating a vehicle moved solely by human power or a

mobility device at the time of contact, and a violation of 1 2 Section 11-204.1 of the Illinois Vehicle Code; so long as the offense did not occur during a civil riot, insurrection or 3 rebellion. "Crime of violence" does not include any other 4 5 offense or accident involving a motor vehicle except those 6 vehicle offenses specifically provided for in this paragraph. 7 "Crime of violence" does include all of the offenses 8 specifically provided for in this paragraph that occur within 9 this State but are subject to federal jurisdiction and crimes 10 involving terrorism as defined in 18 U.S.C. 2331.

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11 (d) "Victim" means (1) a person killed or injured in this 12 State as a result of a crime of violence perpetrated or 13 attempted against him or her, (2) the spouse or parent of a person killed or injured in this State as a result of a crime 14 15 of violence perpetrated or attempted against the person, (3) a 16 person killed or injured in this State while attempting to 17 assist a person against whom a crime of violence is being perpetrated or attempted, if that attempt of assistance would 18 19 be expected of a reasonable person under the circumstances, (4) 20 a person killed or injured in this State while assisting a law enforcement official apprehend a person who has perpetrated a 21 22 crime of violence or prevent the perpetration of any such crime 23 if that assistance was in response to the express request of the law enforcement official, (5) a person who personally 24 25 witnessed a violent crime, (5.1) solely for the purpose of compensating for pecuniary loss incurred for psychological 26

treatment of a mental or emotional condition caused or 1 2 aggravated by the crime, any other person under the age of 18 3 who is the brother, sister, half brother, half sister, child, or stepchild of a person killed or injured in this State as a 4 5 result of a crime of violence, (6) an Illinois resident who is a victim of a "crime of violence" as defined in this Act 6 7 except, if the crime occurred outside this State, the resident 8 has the same rights under this Act as if the crime had occurred 9 in this State upon a showing that the state, territory, 10 country, or political subdivision of a country in which the 11 crime occurred does not have a compensation of victims of 12 crimes law for which that Illinois resident is eligible, (7) a deceased person whose body is dismembered or whose remains are 13 desecrated as the result of a crime of violence, or (8) solely 14 15 for the purpose of compensating for pecuniary loss incurred for 16 psychological treatment of a mental or emotional condition 17 caused or aggravated by the crime, any parent, spouse, or child under the age of 18 of a deceased person whose body is 18 19 dismembered or whose remains are desecrated as the result of a crime of violence. 20

(e) "Dependent" means a relative of a deceased victim who was wholly or partially dependent upon the victim's income at the time of his or her death and shall include the child of a victim born after his or her death.

(f) "Relative" means a spouse, parent, grandparent,
stepfather, stepmother, child, grandchild, brother,

brother-in-law, sister, sister-in-law, half brother, half sister, spouse's parent, nephew, niece, uncle or aunt.

3 (g) "Child" means an unmarried son or daughter who is under
4 18 years of age and includes a stepchild, an adopted child or a
5 <u>nonmarital</u> child born out of wedlock.

6 "Pecuniary loss" means, in the case of injury, (h) 7 appropriate medical expenses and hospital expenses including 8 expenses of medical examinations, rehabilitation, medically 9 required nursing care expenses, appropriate psychiatric care 10 or psychiatric counseling expenses, expenses for care or 11 counseling by a licensed clinical psychologist, licensed 12 clinical social worker, licensed professional counselor, or 13 licensed clinical professional counselor and expenses for treatment by Christian Science practitioners and nursing care 14 15 appropriate thereto; transportation expenses to and from 16 medical and counseling treatment facilities; prosthetic 17 appliances, eyeglasses, and hearing aids necessary or damaged as a result of the crime; costs associated with trafficking 18 19 tattoo removal by a person authorized or licensed to perform 20 the specific removal procedure; replacement costs for clothing and bedding used as evidence; costs associated with temporary 21 22 lodging or relocation necessary as a result of the crime, 23 including, but not limited to, the first month's rent and security deposit of the dwelling that the claimant relocated to 24 25 and other reasonable relocation expenses incurred as a result 26 of the violent crime; locks or windows necessary or damaged as

a result of the crime; the purchase, lease, or rental of 1 2 equipment necessary to create usability of and accessibility to 3 the victim's real and personal property, or the real and personal property which is used by the victim, necessary as a 4 5 result of the crime; the costs of appropriate crime scene clean-up; replacement services loss, to a maximum of \$1,250 per 6 7 month; dependents replacement services loss, to a maximum of 8 \$1,250 per month; loss of tuition paid to attend grammar school 9 or high school when the victim had been enrolled as a student 10 prior to the injury, or college or graduate school when the 11 victim had been enrolled as a day or night student prior to the 12 injury when the victim becomes unable to continue attendance at school as a result of the crime of violence perpetrated against 13 14 him or her; loss of earnings, loss of future earnings because 15 of disability resulting from the injury, and, in addition, in the case of death, expenses for funeral, burial, and travel and 16 17 transport for survivors of homicide victims to secure bodies of deceased victims and to transport bodies for burial all of 18 which may not exceed a maximum of \$7,500 and loss of support of 19 20 the dependents of the victim; in the case of dismemberment or desecration of a body, expenses for funeral and burial, all of 21 22 which may not exceed a maximum of \$7,500. Loss of future 23 earnings shall be reduced by any income from substitute work actually performed by the victim or by income he or she would 24 25 have earned in available appropriate substitute work he or she 26 was capable of performing but unreasonably failed to undertake.

Loss of earnings, loss of future earnings and loss of support 1 2 shall be determined on the basis of the victim's average net 3 monthly earnings for the 6 months immediately preceding the date of the injury or on \$1,250 per month, whichever is less 4 5 or, in cases where the absences commenced more than 3 years 6 from the date of the crime, on the basis of the net monthly earnings for the 6 months immediately preceding the date of the 7 first absence, not to exceed \$1,250 per month. If a divorced or 8 9 legally separated applicant is claiming loss of support for a 10 minor child of the deceased, the amount of support for each 11 child shall be based either on the amount of support pursuant 12 to the judgment prior to the date of the deceased victim's injury or death, or, if the subject of pending litigation filed 13 by or on behalf of the divorced or legally separated applicant 14 15 prior to the injury or death, on the result of that litigation. 16 Real and personal property includes, but is not limited to, 17 vehicles, houses, apartments, town houses, or condominiums. Pecuniary loss does not include pain and suffering or property 18 19 loss or damage.

(i) "Replacement services loss" means expenses reasonably incurred in obtaining ordinary and necessary services in lieu of those the injured person would have performed, not for income, but for the benefit of himself or herself or his or her family, if he or she had not been injured.

(j) "Dependents replacement services loss" means loss
 reasonably incurred by dependents or private legal guardians of

minor dependents after a victim's death in obtaining ordinary and necessary services in lieu of those the victim would have performed, not for income, but for their benefit, if he or she had not been fatally injured.

5 (k) "Survivor" means immediate family including a parent,
6 step-father, step-mother, child, brother, sister, or spouse.

7 (1) "Parent" means a natural parent, adopted parent,
8 step-parent, or permanent legal guardian of another person.

9 (m) "Trafficking tattoo" is a tattoo which is applied to a 10 victim in connection with the commission of a violation of 11 Section 10-9 of the Criminal Code of 2012.

12 (Source: P.A. 97-817, eff. 1-1-13; 97-1109, eff. 1-1-13; 13 97-1150, eff. 1-25-13; 98-435, eff. 1-1-14.)

14 Section 40. The Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of 15 Marriage Act is amended by changing Sections 205 and 607 as 16 follows:

17 (750 ILCS 5/205) (from Ch. 40, par. 205)

18 Sec. 205. Exceptions.

(1) Irrespective of the results of laboratory tests and clinical examination relative to sexually transmitted diseases, the clerks of the respective counties shall issue a marriage license to parties to a proposed marriage (a) when a woman is pregnant at the time of such application, or (b) when a woman has, prior to the time of application, given birth to a

nonmarital child born out of wedlock which is living at the 1 2 time of such application and the man making such application 3 makes affidavit that he is the father of the nonmarital such child born out of wedlock. The county clerk shall, in lieu of 4 5 the health certificate required hereunder, accept, as the case may be, either an affidavit on a form prescribed by the State 6 7 Department of Public Health, signed by a physician duly 8 licensed in this State, stating that the woman is pregnant, or 9 a copy of the birth record of the nonmarital child born out of 10 wedlock, if one is available in this State, or if such birth record is not available, an affidavit signed by the woman that 11 12 she is the mother of such child.

13 (2) Any judge of the circuit court within the county in 14 which the license is to be issued is authorized and empowered 15 on joint application by both applicants for a marriage license 16 to waive the requirements as to medical examination, laboratory 17 tests, and certificates, except the requirements of paragraph (4) of subsection (a) of Section 212 of this Act which shall 18 not be waived; and to authorize the county clerk to issue the 19 20 license if all other requirements of law have been complied with and the judge is satisfied, by affidavit, or other proof, 21 22 that the examination or tests are contrary to the tenets or 23 practices of the religious creed of which the applicant is an adherent, and that the public health and welfare will not be 24 25 injuriously affected thereby.

26 (Source: P.A. 94-229, eff. 1-1-06.)

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1 (750 ILCS 5/607) (from Ch. 40, par. 607)
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2 Sec. 607. Visitation.

3 (a) A parent not granted custody of the child is entitled 4 to reasonable visitation rights unless the court finds, after a 5 hearing, that visitation would endanger seriously the child's physical, mental, moral or emotional health. If the custodian's 6 7 street address is not identified, pursuant to Section 708, the 8 court shall require the parties to identify reasonable 9 alternative arrangements for visitation by a non-custodial 10 parent, including but not limited to visitation of the minor 11 child at the residence of another person or at a local public 12 or private facility.

(1) "Visitation" means in-person time spent between a
child and the child's parent. In appropriate
circumstances, it may include electronic communication
under conditions and at times determined by the court.

"Electronic communication" means time that 17 (2)а 18 parent spends with his or her child during which the child 19 is not in the parent's actual physical custody, but which is facilitated by the use of communication tools such as 20 21 the telephone, electronic mail, instant messaging, video 22 conferencing or other wired or wireless technologies via the Internet, or another medium of communication. 23

24 (a-3) Grandparents, great-grandparents, and siblings of a25 minor child, who is one year old or older, have standing to

bring an action in circuit court by petition, requesting 1 2 visitation in accordance with this Section. The term "sibling" in this Section means a brother, sister, stepbrother, or 3 stepsister of the minor child. 4 Grandparents, 5 great-grandparents, and siblings also have standing to file a petition for visitation and any electronic communication 6 rights in a pending dissolution proceeding or any other 7 8 proceeding that involves custody or visitation issues, 9 requesting visitation in accordance with this Section. A 10 petition for visitation with a child by a person other than a 11 parent must be filed in the county in which the child resides. 12 Nothing in this subsection (a-3) and subsection (a-5) of this 13 Section shall apply to a child in whose interests a petition is pending under Section 2-13 of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 or 14 15 a petition to adopt an unrelated child is pending under the 16 Adoption Act.

(a-5)(1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection (a-5), any grandparent, great-grandparent, or sibling may file a petition for visitation rights to a minor child if there is an unreasonable denial of visitation by a parent and at least one of the following conditions exists:

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(A) (Blank);

(A-5) the child's other parent is deceased or has been
missing for at least 3 months. For the purposes of this
Section a parent is considered to be missing if the
parent's location has not been determined and the parent

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has been reported as missing to a law enforcement agency;

2 (A-10) a parent of the child is incompetent as a matter
3 of law;

4 (A-15) a parent has been incarcerated in jail or prison
5 during the 3 month period preceding the filing of the
6 petition;

(B) the child's mother and father are divorced or have 7 8 been legally separated from each other or there is pending 9 a dissolution proceeding involving a parent of the child or 10 another court proceeding involving custody or visitation 11 of the child (other than any adoption proceeding of an 12 unrelated child) and at least one parent does not object to grandparent, great-grandparent, or sibling having 13 the 14 visitation with the child. The visitation of the 15 grandparent, great-grandparent, or sibling must not 16 diminish the visitation of the parent who is not related to the grandparent, great-grandparent, or sibling seeking 17 visitation; 18

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(C) (Blank);

20 (D) the child is <u>a nonmarital child</u> born out of 21 wedlock, the parents are not living together, and the 22 petitioner is a maternal grandparent, great-grandparent, 23 or sibling of the nonmarital child born out of wedlock; or

(E) the child is <u>a nonmarital child</u> born out of
 wedlock, the parents are not living together, the
 petitioner is a paternal grandparent, great-grandparent,

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or sibling, and the paternity has been established by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(2) Any visitation rights granted pursuant to this Section 3 before the filing of a petition for adoption of a child shall 4 5 automatically terminate by operation of law upon the entry of an order terminating parental rights or granting the adoption 6 of the child, whichever is earlier. If the person or persons 7 8 who adopted the child are related to the child, as defined by 9 Section 1 of the Adoption Act, any person who was related to 10 the child as grandparent, great-grandparent, or sibling prior 11 to the adoption shall have standing to bring an action pursuant 12 to this Section requesting visitation with the child.

13 (3) In making a determination under this subsection (a-5), 14 there is a rebuttable presumption that a fit parent's actions 15 and decisions regarding grandparent, great-grandparent, or 16 sibling visitation are not harmful to the child's mental, 17 physical, or emotional health. The burden is on the party filing a petition under this Section to prove that the parent's 18 19 actions and decisions regarding visitation times are harmful to the child's mental, physical, or emotional health. 20

(4) In determining whether to grant visitation, the courtshall consider the following:

(A) the preference of the child if the child is
determined to be of sufficient maturity to express a
preference;

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(B) the mental and physical health of the child;

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1 2 (C) the mental and physical health of the grandparent, great-grandparent, or sibling;

3 (D) the length and quality of the prior relationship 4 between the child and the grandparent, great-grandparent, 5 or sibling;

6 7 (E) the good faith of the party in filing the petition;

(F) the good faith of the person denying visitation;

8 (G) the quantity of the visitation time requested and 9 the potential adverse impact that visitation would have on 10 the child's customary activities;

(H) whether the child resided with the petitioner for at least 6 consecutive months with or without the current custodian present;

14 (I) whether the petitioner had frequent or regular 15 contact or visitation with the child for at least 12 16 consecutive months;

(J) any other fact that establishes that the loss of the relationship between the petitioner and the child is likely to harm the child's mental, physical, or emotional health; and

(K) whether the grandparent, great-grandparent, or
sibling was a primary caretaker of the child for a period
of not less than 6 consecutive months.

(5) The court may order visitation rights for the grandparent, great-grandparent, or sibling that include reasonable access without requiring overnight or possessory

1 visitation.

(a-7) (1) Unless by stipulation of the parties, no motion to
modify a grandparent, great-grandparent, or sibling visitation
order may be made earlier than 2 years after the date the order
was filed, unless the court permits it to be made on the basis
of affidavits that there is reason to believe the child's
present environment may endanger seriously the child's mental,
physical, or emotional health.

9 (2) The court shall not modify an order that grants 10 visitation to a grandparent, great-grandparent, or sibling 11 unless it finds by clear and convincing evidence, upon the 12 basis of facts that have arisen since the prior visitation 13 order or that were unknown to the court at the time of entry of 14 the prior visitation, that a change has occurred in the 15 circumstances of the child or his or her custodian, and that 16 the modification is necessary to protect the mental, physical, 17 or emotional health of the child. The court shall state in its decision specific findings of fact 18 in support of its 19 modification or termination of the grandparent, 20 great-grandparent, or sibling visitation. A child's parent may 21 always petition to modify visitation upon changed 22 circumstances when necessary to promote the child's best 23 interest.

(3) Attorney fees and costs shall be assessed against a
 party seeking modification of the visitation order if the court
 finds that the modification action is vexatious and constitutes

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1 harassment.

2 (4) Notice under this subsection (a-7) shall be given as
3 provided in subsections (c) and (d) of Section 601.

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(b) (1) (Blank.)

5 (1.5) The Court may grant reasonable visitation privileges 6 to a stepparent upon petition to the court by the stepparent, 7 with notice to the parties required to be notified under Section 601 of this Act, if the court determines that it is in 8 9 the best interests and welfare of the child, and may issue any 10 necessary orders to enforce those visitation privileges. A 11 petition for visitation privileges may be filed under this 12 paragraph (1.5) whether or not a petition pursuant to this Act 13 has been previously filed or is currently pending if the 14 following circumstances are met:

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(A) the child is at least 12 years old;

16 (B) the child resided continuously with the parent and17 stepparent for at least 5 years;

18 (C) the parent is deceased or is disabled and is unable19 to care for the child;

20 (D) the child wishes to have reasonable visitation with21 the stepparent; and

(E) the stepparent was providing for the care, control,
and welfare to the child prior to the initiation of the
petition for visitation.

(2) (A) A petition for visitation privileges shall not befiled pursuant to this subsection (b) by the parents or

1 grandparents of a putative father if the paternity of the 2 putative father has not been legally established.

(B) A petition for visitation privileges may not be filed 3 under this subsection (b) if the child who is the subject of 4 5 the grandparents' or great-grandparents' petition has been 6 voluntarily surrendered by the parent or parents, except for a 7 surrender to the Illinois Department of Children and Family 8 Services or a foster care facility, or has been previously 9 adopted by an individual or individuals who are not related to 10 the biological parents of the child or is the subject of a 11 pending adoption petition by an individual or individuals who 12 are not related to the biological parents of the child.

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(c) The court may modify an order granting or denying visitation rights of a parent whenever modification would serve the best interest of the child; but the court shall not restrict a parent's visitation rights unless it finds that the visitation would endanger seriously the child's physical, mental, moral or emotional health.

20 (d) If any court has entered an order prohibiting a 21 non-custodial parent of a child from any contact with a child 22 or restricting the non-custodial parent's contact with the 23 child, the following provisions shall apply:

(1) If an order has been entered granting visitation
 privileges with the child to a grandparent or
 great-grandparent who is related to the child through the

1 2 non-custodial parent, the visitation privileges of the grandparent or great-grandparent may be revoked if:

3 (i) a court has entered an order prohibiting the non-custodial parent from any contact with the child, 4 5 and the grandparent or great-grandparent is found to 6 have used his or her visitation privileges to 7 facilitate contact between the child and the non-custodial parent; or 8

9 (ii) a court has entered an order restricting the 10 non-custodial parent's contact with the child, and the 11 grandparent or great-grandparent is found to have used 12 his or her visitation privileges to facilitate contact 13 between the child and the non-custodial parent in a 14 manner that violates the terms of the order restricting 15 the non-custodial parent's contact with the child.

16 Nothing in this subdivision (1) limits the authority of 17 the court to enforce its orders in any manner permitted by 18 law.

19 (2) Any order granting visitation privileges with the 20 child to a grandparent or great-grandparent who is related 21 to the child through the non-custodial parent shall contain 22 the following provision:

"If the (grandparent or great-grandparent, whichever is applicable) who has been granted visitation privileges under this order uses the visitation privileges to facilitate contact between the child and the child's

1 2 non-custodial parent, the visitation privileges granted under this order shall be permanently revoked."

No parent, not granted custody of the child, or 3 (e) grandparent, or great-grandparent, or stepparent, or sibling 4 5 of any minor child, convicted of any offense involving an 6 illegal sex act perpetrated upon a victim less than 18 years of 7 age including but not limited to offenses for violations of Section 11-1.20, 11-1.30, 11-1.40, 11-1.50, 11-1.60, 11-1.70, 8 9 or Article 12 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code 10 of 2012, is entitled to visitation rights while incarcerated or 11 while on parole, probation, conditional discharge, periodic 12 imprisonment, or mandatory supervised release for that 13 upon discharge from incarceration offense, and for а 14 misdemeanor offense or upon discharge from parole, probation, conditional discharge, periodic imprisonment, or mandatory 15 supervised release for a felony offense, visitation shall be 16 17 denied until the person successfully completes a treatment program approved by the court. 18

(f) Unless the court determines, after considering all 19 20 relevant factors, including but not limited to those set forth in Section 602(a), that it would be in the best interests of 21 22 the child to allow visitation, the court shall not enter an 23 order providing visitation rights and pursuant to a motion to modify visitation shall revoke visitation rights previously 24 25 granted to any person who would otherwise be entitled to 26 petition for visitation rights under this Section who has been

convicted of first degree murder of the parent, grandparent, 1 2 great-grandparent, or sibling of the child who is the subject of the order. Until an order is entered pursuant to this 3 subsection, no person shall visit, with the child present, a 4 5 person who has been convicted of first degree murder of the parent, grandparent, great-grandparent, or sibling of the 6 7 child without the consent of the child's parent, other than a 8 parent convicted of first degree murder as set forth herein, or 9 legal guardian.

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11 (h) Upon motion, the court may allow a parent who is 12 deployed or who has orders to be deployed as a member of the 13 United States Armed Forces to designate a person known to the child to exercise reasonable substitute visitation on behalf of 14 the deployed parent, if the court determines that substitute 15 16 visitation is in the best interest of the child. In determining 17 whether substitute visitation is in the best interest of the child, the court shall consider all of the relevant factors 18 19 listed in subsection (a) of Section 602 and apply those factors 20 to the person designated as a substitute for the deployed parent for visitation purposes. 21

22 (Source: P.A. 96-331, eff. 1-1-10; 97-659, eff. 6-1-12; 23 97-1150, eff. 1-25-13.)

24 Section 45. The Emancipation of Minors Act is amended by 25 changing Section 3-3 as follows:

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Sec. 3-3. Parents. "Parent" means the father or mother of a 2 3 lawful child of the parties or a nonmarital child born out of 4 wedlock, and includes any adoptive parent. It does not include a parent whose rights in respect to the minor have been 5 6 terminated in any manner provided by law. (Source: P.A. 94-229, eff. 1-1-06.) 7 Section 50. The Adoption Act is amended by changing 8 9 Sections 12.1 and 18 as follows: 10 (750 ILCS 50/12.1) 11 Sec. 12.1. Putative Father Registry. The Department of 12 Children and Family Services shall establish a Putative Father 13 Registry for the purpose of determining the identity and 14 location of a putative father of a minor child who is, or is expected to be, the subject of an adoption proceeding, in order 15 16 to provide notice of such proceeding to the putative father. The Department of Children and Family Services shall establish 17 rules and informational material necessary to implement the 18 19 provisions of this Section. The Department shall have the 20 authority to set reasonable fees for the use of the Registry. 21 All such fees for the use of the Registry that are received by 22 the Department or its agent shall be deposited into the fund

authorized under subsection (b) of Section 25 of the Children

(750 ILCS 30/3-3) (from Ch. 40, par. 2203-3)

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1 and Family Services Act. The Department shall use the moneys in 2 that fund for the purpose of maintaining the Registry. 3 (a) The Department shall maintain the following information in the Registry: 4 5 (1) With respect to the putative father: 6 (i) Name, including any other names by which the 7 putative father may be known and that he may provide to the Registry; 8 9 (ii) Address at which he may be served with notice 10 of a petition under this Act, including any change of 11 address; 12 (iii) Social Security Number; 13 (iv) Date of birth; and 14 (v) If applicable, a certified copy of an order by 15 a court of this State or of another state or territory 16 of the United States adjudicating the putative father 17 to be the father of the child. (2) With respect to the mother of the child: 18 19 (i) Name, including all other names known to the 20 putative father by which the mother may be known; 21 (ii) If known to the putative father, her last 22 address; 23 (iii) Social Security Number; and (iv) Date of birth. 24 25 (3) If known to the putative father, the name, gender, 26 place of birth, and date of birth or anticipated date of

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1 birth of the child.

2 (4) The date that the Department received the putative3 father's registration.

4 (5) Other information as the Department may by rule
5 determine necessary for the orderly administration of the
6 Registry.

7 (b) A putative father may register with the Department 8 before the birth of the child but shall register no later than 9 30 days after the birth of the child. All registrations shall 10 be in writing and signed by the putative father. No fee shall 11 be charged for the initial registration. The Department shall 12 have no independent obligation to gather the information to be 13 maintained.

(c) An interested party, including persons intending to 14 15 adopt a child, a child welfare agency with whom the mother has 16 placed or has given written notice of her intention to place a 17 child for adoption, the mother of the child, or an attorney representing an interested party may request that 18 the 19 Department search the Registry to determine whether a putative father is registered in relation to a child who is or may be 20 the subject to an adoption petition. 21

(d) A search of the Registry may be proven by the production of a certified copy of the registration form, or by the certified statement of the administrator of the Registry that after a search, no registration of a putative father in relation to a child who is or may be the subject of an adoption 1 petition could be located.

2 (e) Except as otherwise provided, information contained
3 within the Registry is confidential and shall not be published
4 or open to public inspection.

5 (f) A person who knowingly or intentionally registers false 6 information under this Section commits a Class B misdemeanor. A 7 person who knowingly or intentionally releases confidential 8 information in violation of this Section commits a Class B 9 misdemeanor.

10 (g) Except as provided in subsections (b) or (c) of Section 11 8 of this Act, a putative father who fails to register with the 12 Putative Father Registry as provided in this Section is barred 13 from thereafter bringing or maintaining any action to assert 14 any interest in the child, unless he proves by clear and 15 convincing evidence that:

16 (1) it was not possible for him to register within the
17 period of time specified in subsection (b) of this Section;
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19 (2) his failure to register was through no fault of his20 own; and

(3) he registered within 10 days after it becamepossible for him to file.

A lack of knowledge of the pregnancy or birth is not anacceptable reason for failure to register.

(h) Except as provided in subsection (b) or (c) of Section
8 of this Act, failure to timely register with the Putative

Father Registry (i) shall be deemed to be a waiver and 1 2 surrender of any right to notice of any hearing in any judicial proceeding for the adoption of the child, and the consent or 3 surrender of that person to the adoption of the child is not 4 5 required, and (ii) shall constitute an abandonment of the child 6 and shall be prima facie evidence of sufficient grounds to support termination of such father's parental rights under this 7 8 Act.

9 (i) In any adoption proceeding pertaining to a <u>nonmarital</u> 10 child <del>born out of wedlock</del>, if there is no showing that a 11 putative father has executed a consent or surrender or waived 12 his rights regarding the proposed adoption, certification as 13 specified in subsection (d) shall be filed with the court prior 14 to entry of a final judgment order of adoption.

(j) The Registry shall not be used to notify a putative father who is the father of a child as a result of criminal sexual abuse or assault as defined under Article 11 of the Criminal Code of 2012.

19 (Source: P.A. 97-1150, eff. 1-25-13.)

20 (750 ILCS 50/18) (from Ch. 40, par. 1522)

21 Sec. 18. Records confidential.

(a) The word "illegitimate", the words "born out of
 wedlock", <u>the word "nonmarital"</u>, and words of similar import
 shall not be used in any adoption proceeding in any respect.

25 (b) The court call of adoption proceedings shall not

identify any of the parties by name. The parties may be identified by initials or pseudonyms. The case shall be identified by its general number. The names of the lawyers representing the parties may appear on the court call, and the type of application that is being made to the court may also be identified.

7 (c) All adoption records maintained by each circuit clerk 8 shall be impounded in accordance with the procedures provided 9 by the Illinois Supreme Court's General Administrative Order on 10 Recordkeeping and shall be opened for examination only upon 11 specific order of the court, which order shall name the person 12 or persons who are to be permitted to examine the file. Certified copies of all papers and documents contained in any 13 14 file so impounded shall be made only on like order. The 15 guardian ad litem for a minor sought to be adopted shall have 16 the right to inspect the court file without leave of court 17 during the pendency of the proceeding. The attorney of record for the petitioners and other parties may inspect the file only 18 with leave of court. The petitioners to the adoption, the 19 20 attorney of record for the petitioners, and the guardian ad litem of the person who is the subject of the proceeding shall 21 22 be entitled to receive certified copies of the order of 23 adoption in the proceeding at any time within 30 days after the entry of the judgment of adoption without order of court. After 24 30 days from the entry of the judgment of adoption, no copies 25 26 may be obtained without prior order of court, but good cause is

1 not necessary to be shown by one of the petitioners to the 2 adoption.

3 (d) If an appeal is taken from an adoption proceeding, the 4 papers filed in the court of review and the opinion of the 5 reviewing court shall not identify the true names of the 6 parties; instead, initials or pseudonyms shall be used to 7 identify the parties.

8 (Source: P.A. 86-493; 87-620.)

9 Section 55. The Religious Freedom and Marriage Fairness Act
10 is amended by changing Section 10 as follows:

11 (750 ILCS 80/10)

12 Sec. 10. Equal access to marriage.

(a) All laws of this State applicable to marriage, whether
they derive from statute, administrative or court rule, policy,
common law, or any other source of civil or criminal law, shall
apply equally to marriages of same-sex and different-sex
couples and their children.

(b) Parties to a marriage and their children, regardless of whether the marriage consists of a same-sex or different-sex couple, shall have all the same benefits, protections, and responsibilities under law, whether they derive from statute, administrative or court rule, policy, common law, or any other source of civil or criminal law.

24 (c) Parties to a marriage shall be included in any

definition or use of terms such as "spouse", "family", "immediate family", "dependent", "next of kin", "wife", "husband", "bride", "groom", "wedlock", <u>"marital",</u> and other terms that refer to or denote the spousal relationship, as those terms are used throughout the law, regardless of whether the parties to a marriage are of the same sex or different sexes.

8 (d) To the extent the law of this State adopts, refers to, 9 or relies upon provisions of federal law as applicable to this 10 State, parties to a marriage of the same sex and their children 11 shall be treated under the law of this State as if federal law 12 recognizes the marriages of same-sex couples in the same manner 13 as the law of this State.

14 (Source: P.A. 98-597, eff. 6-1-14.)

Section 60. The Probate Act of 1975 is amended by changing Sections 2-2 and 5-3 as follows:

17 (755 ILCS 5/2-2) (from Ch. 110 1/2, par. 2-2)

Sec. 2-2. <u>Nonmarital children</u> Children born out of wedlock. The intestate real and personal estate of a resident decedent who was a <u>nonmarital</u> child born out of wedlock at the time of death and the intestate real estate in this State of a nonresident decedent who was a <u>nonmarital</u> child born out of wedlock at the time of death, after all just claims against his estate are fully paid, descends and shall be distributed as

provided in Section 2-1, subject to Section 2-6.5 of this Act, 1 2 if both parents are eligible parents. As used in this Section, "eligible parent" means a parent of the decedent who, during 3 the decedent's lifetime, acknowledged the decedent as the 4 5 parent's child, established a parental relationship with the decedent, and supported the decedent as the parent's child. 6 7 "Eligible parents" who are in arrears of in excess of one 8 year's child support obligations shall not receive any property benefit or other interest of the decedent unless and until a 9 10 court of competent jurisdiction makes a determination as to the 11 effect on the deceased of the arrearage and allows a reduced 12 benefit. In no event shall the reduction of the benefit or other interest be less than the amount of child support owed 13 14 for the support of the decedent at the time of death. The 15 court's considerations shall include but are not limited to the 16 considerations in subsections (1) through (3) of Section 2-6.5 17 of this Act.

If neither parent is an eligible parent, the intestate real 18 and personal estate of a resident decedent who was a nonmarital 19 20 child born out of wedlock at the time of death and the intestate real estate in this State of a nonresident decedent 21 22 who was a nonmarital child born out of wedlock at the time of 23 death, after all just claims against his or her estate are 24 fully paid, descends and shall be distributed as provided in 25 Section 2-1, but the parents of the decedent shall be treated 26 as having predeceased the decedent.

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If only one parent is an eligible parent, the intestate 1 2 real and personal estate of a resident decedent who was a nonmarital child born out of wedlock at the time of death and 3 the intestate real estate in this State of a nonresident 4 5 decedent who was a nonmarital child born out of wedlock at the 6 time of death, after all just claims against his or her estate 7 are fully paid, subject to Section 2-6.5 of this Act, descends and shall be distributed as follows: 8

9 (a) If there is a surviving spouse and also a descendant of 10 the decedent: 1/2 of the entire estate to the surviving spouse 11 and 1/2 to the decedent's descendants per stirpes.

12 (b) If there is no surviving spouse but a descendant of the 13 decedent: the entire estate to the decedent's descendants per 14 stirpes.

15 (c) If there is a surviving spouse but no descendant of the16 decedent: the entire estate to the surviving spouse.

17 (d) If there is no surviving spouse or descendant but the 18 eligible parent or a descendant of the eligible parent of the 19 decedent: the entire estate to the eligible parent and the 20 eligible parent's descendants, allowing 1/2 to the eligible 21 parent and 1/2 to the eligible parent's descendants per 22 stirpes.

(e) If there is no surviving spouse, descendant, eligible parent, or descendant of the eligible parent of the decedent, but a grandparent on the eligible parent's side of the family or descendant of such grandparent of the decedent: the entire

estate to the decedent's grandparents on the eligible parent's side of the family in equal parts, or to the survivor of them, or if there is none surviving, to their descendants per stirpes.

5 (f) If there is no surviving spouse, descendant, eligible 6 parent, descendant of the eligible parent, grandparent on the 7 eligible parent's side of the family, or descendant of such 8 grandparent of the decedent: the entire estate to the 9 decedent's great-grandparents on the eligible parent's side of 10 the family in equal parts or to the survivor of them, or if 11 there is none surviving, to their descendants per stirpes.

12 (g) If there is no surviving spouse, descendant, eligible parent, descendant of the eligible parent, grandparent on the 13 eligible parent's side of the family, descendant of such 14 15 grandparent, great-grandparent on the eligible parent's side of the family, or descendant of such great-grandparent of the 16 17 decedent: the entire estate in equal parts to the nearest kindred of the eligible parent of the decedent in equal degree 18 (computing by the rules of the civil law) and without 19 20 representation.

(h) If there is no surviving spouse, descendant, or eligible parent of the decedent and no known kindred of the eligible parent of the decedent: the real estate escheats to the county in which it is located; the personal estate physically located within this State and the personal estate physically located or held outside this State which is the

subject of ancillary administration within this State escheats 1 2 to the county of which the decedent was a resident or, if the decedent was not a resident of this State, to the county in 3 which it is located; all other personal property of the 4 5 decedent of every class and character, wherever situate, or the proceeds thereof, shall escheat to this State and be delivered 6 7 to the State Treasurer of this State pursuant to the Uniform 8 Disposition of Unclaimed Property Act.

9 For purposes of inheritance, the changes made by this 10 amendatory Act of 1998 apply to all decedents who die on or 11 after the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1998. For 12 the purpose of determining the property rights of any person 13 under any instrument, the changes made by this amendatory Act 14 of 1998 apply to all instruments executed on or after the 15 effective date of this amendatory Act of 1998.

16 A nonmarital child born out of wedlock is heir of his 17 mother and of any maternal ancestor and of any person from whom his mother might have inherited, if living; and the descendants 18 19 of a person who was a nonmarital child born out of wedlock 20 shall represent such person and take by descent any estate which the parent would have taken, if living. If a decedent has 21 22 acknowledged paternity of a nonmarital child born out of 23 wedlock or if during his lifetime or after his death a decedent 24 has been adjudged to be the father of a nonmarital child born 25 out of wedlock, that person is heir of his father and of any 26 paternal ancestor and of any person from whom his father might

have inherited, if living; and the descendants of a person who 1 2 was a nonmarital child born out of wedlock shall represent that person and take by descent any estate which the parent would 3 have taken, if living. If during his lifetime the decedent was 4 5 adjudged to be the father of a nonmarital child born out of wedlock by a court of competent jurisdiction, an authenticated 6 copy of the judgment is sufficient proof of the paternity; but 7 8 in all other cases paternity must be proved by clear and 9 convincing evidence. A person who was a nonmarital child born 10 out of wedlock whose parents intermarry and who is acknowledged 11 by the father as the father's child is a lawful child of the 12 father. After a nonmarital child born out of wedlock is adopted, that person's relationship to his or her adopting and 13 14 natural parents shall be governed by Section 2-4 of this Act. 15 For purposes of inheritance, the changes made by this amendatory Act of 1997 apply to all decedents who die on or 16 17 after January 1, 1998. For the purpose of determining the property rights of any person under any instrument, the changes 18 made by this amendatory Act of 1997 apply to all instruments 19 20 executed on or after January 1, 1998.

21 (Source: P.A. 94-229, eff. 1-1-06.)

22 (755 ILCS 5/5-3) (from Ch. 110 1/2, par. 5-3)

23 Sec. 5-3. Power to ascertain and declare heirship -24 evidence.) (a) The court may ascertain and declare the heirship 25 of any decedent to be entered of record in the court at any time during the administration of the estate without further notice or, if there is no grant of administration, upon such notice and in such manner as the court directs.

(b) The ascertainment of heirship may be made from (1) an 4 5 affidavit of any person stating the facts from which the 6 heirship of the decedent can be ascertained, which affidavit 7 shall be signed and sworn to or affirmed before any notary public or judge of any court of record in the United States or 8 9 any of its possessions or territories and certified by the 10 clerk thereof, or before any United States consul, vice-consul, 11 consular agent, secretary of legation or commissioned officer 12 in active service of the United States, within or without the United States, or (2) from evidence either in narrative form or 13 14 by questions and answers which are reduced to writing and 15 certified by the court declaring the heirship. The seal of 16 office of any notary public, United States consul, vice-consul, 17 consular agent or secretary of legation and the designation of the name, rank and branch of service of any commissioned 18 officer in active service of the armed forces of the United 19 20 States shall be sufficient evidence of his identity and official character. The affidavit or transcript of evidence 21 22 shall be filed by the clerk of the court declaring the heirship 23 and remain as a part of the files in the cause.

(c) An order of the court declaring heirship is prima facie
evidence of the heirship, but any other legal method of proving
heirship may be resorted to by any party interested therein in

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1 any place or court where the question may arise.

(d) For purposes of this section the court may presume, in 2 3 the absence of any evidence to the contrary, that the decedent and any person through whom heirship is traced was not the 4 5 mother or father of any nonmarital child born out of wedlock and, if the decedent or the person was a male, that no 6 7 nonmarital child born out of wedlock was filiated to or 8 acknowledged or legitimated by the decedent or the person. 9 (Source: P.A. 81-598.)

Section 65. The Line of Duty Compensation Act is amended by changing Section 3 as follows:

12 (820 ILCS 315/3) (from Ch. 48, par. 283)

13 Sec. 3. Duty death benefit.

14 (a) If a claim therefor is made within one year of the date 15 of death of a law enforcement officer, civil defense worker, civil air patrol member, paramedic, fireman, chaplain, or State 16 17 employee killed in the line of duty, or if a claim therefor is made within 2 years of the date of death of an Armed Forces 18 member killed in the line of duty, compensation shall be paid 19 20 to the person designated by the law enforcement officer, civil 21 defense worker, civil air patrol member, paramedic, fireman, 22 chaplain, State employee, or Armed Forces member. However, if 23 the Armed Forces member was killed in the line of duty before 24 October 18, 2004, the claim must be made within one year of

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1 October 18, 2004.

2 (b) The amount of compensation, except for an Armed Forces member, shall be \$10,000 if the death in the line of duty 3 occurred prior to January 1, 1974; \$20,000 if such death 4 5 occurred after December 31, 1973 and before July 1, 1983; \$50,000 if such death occurred on or after July 1, 1983 and 6 7 before January 1, 1996; \$100,000 if the death occurred on or 8 after January 1, 1996 and before May 18, 2001; \$118,000 if the 9 death occurred on or after May 18, 2001 and before July 1, 10 2002; and \$259,038 if the death occurred on or after July 1, 11 2002 and before January 1, 2003. For an Armed Forces member 12 killed in the line of duty (i) at any time before January 1, 2005, the compensation is \$259,038 plus amounts equal to the 13 increases for 2003 and 2004 determined under subsection (c) and 14 (ii) on or after January 1, 2005, the compensation is the 15 16 amount determined under item (i) plus the applicable increases 17 for 2005 and thereafter determined under subsection (c).

(c) Except as provided in subsection (b), for deaths 18 occurring on or after January 1, 2003, the death compensation 19 rate for death in the line of duty occurring in a particular 20 21 calendar year shall be the death compensation rate for death 22 occurring in the previous calendar year (or in the case of 23 deaths occurring in 2003, the rate in effect on December 31, 24 2002) increased by a percentage thereof equal to the percentage 25 increase, if any, in the index known as the Consumer Price 26 Index for All Urban Consumers: U.S. city average, unadjusted,

1 for all items, as published by the United States Department of 2 Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, for the 12 months ending 3 with the month of June of that previous calendar year.

(d) If no beneficiary is designated or if no designated 4 5 beneficiary survives at the death of the law enforcement officer, civil defense worker, civil air patrol member, 6 7 paramedic, fireman, chaplain, or State employee killed in the 8 line of duty, the compensation shall be paid in accordance with 9 a legally binding will left by the law enforcement officer, 10 civil defense worker, civil air patrol member, paramedic, 11 fireman, chaplain, or State employee. If the law enforcement 12 officer, civil defense worker, civil air patrol member, paramedic, fireman, chaplain, or State employee did not leave a 13 14 legally binding will, the compensation shall be paid as 15 follows:

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(1) when there is a surviving spouse, the entire sum shall be paid to the spouse;

(2) when there is no surviving spouse, but a surviving
descendant of the decedent, the entire sum shall be paid to
the decedent's descendants per stirpes;

(3) when there is neither a surviving spouse nor a surviving descendant, the entire sum shall be paid to the parents of the decedent in equal parts, allowing to the surviving parent, if one is dead, the entire sum; and

(4) when there is no surviving spouse, descendant or
 parent of the decedent, but there are surviving brothers or

sisters, or descendants of a brother or sister, who were receiving their principal support from the decedent at his death, the entire sum shall be paid, in equal parts, to the dependent brothers or sisters or dependent descendant of a brother or sister. Dependency shall be determined by the Court of Claims based upon the investigation and report of the Attorney General.

8 The changes made to this subsection (d) by this amendatory Act 9 of the 94th General Assembly apply to any pending case as long 10 as compensation has not been paid to any party before the 11 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 94th General 12 Assembly.

13 (d-1) For purposes of subsection (d), in the case of a 14 person killed in the line of duty who was a nonmarital child 15 born out of wedlock and was not an adoptive child at the time 16 of the person's death, a person shall be deemed to be a parent 17 of the person killed in the line of duty only if that person would be an eligible parent, as defined in Section 2-2 of the 18 19 Probate Act of 1975, of the person killed in the line of duty. 20 This subsection (d-1) applies to any pending claim if compensation was not paid to the claimant of the pending claim 21 22 before the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 94th 23 General Assembly.

(d-2) If no beneficiary is designated or if no designated
beneficiary survives at the death of the Armed Forces member
killed in the line of duty, the compensation shall be paid in

entirety according to the designation made on the most recent version of the Armed Forces member's Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance Election and Certificate ("SGLI").

If no SGLI form exists at the time of the Armed Forces
member's death, the compensation shall be paid in accordance
with a legally binding will left by the Armed Forces member.

If no SGLI form exists for the Armed Forces member and the Armed Forces member did not leave a legally binding will, the compensation shall be paid to the persons and in the priority as set forth in paragraphs (1) through (4) of subsection (d) of this Section.

12 This subsection (d-2) applies to any pending case as long 13 as compensation has not been paid to any party before the 14 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 94th General 15 Assembly.

16 (e) If there is no beneficiary designated or if no 17 designated beneficiary survives at the death of the law 18 enforcement officer, civil defense worker, civil air patrol 19 member, paramedic, fireman, chaplain, State employee, or Armed 20 Forces member killed in the line of duty and there is no other 21 person or entity to whom compensation is payable under this 22 Section, no compensation shall be payable under this Act.

(f) No part of such compensation may be paid to any other person for any efforts in securing such compensation.

(g) This amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assemblyapplies to claims made on or after October 18, 2004 with

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respect to an Armed Forces member killed in the line of duty.

2 (h) In any case for which benefits have not been paid within 6 months of the claim being filed in accordance with 3 this Section, which is pending as of the effective date of this 4 5 amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly, and in which there are 2 or more beneficiaries, at least one of whom would receive 6 at least a portion of the total benefit regardless of the 7 manner in which the Court of Claims resolves the claim, the 8 9 Court shall direct the Comptroller to pay the minimum amount of 10 money which the determinate beneficiary would receive together 11 with all interest payment penalties which have accrued on that 12 portion of the award being paid within 30 days of the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly. For 13 purposes of this subsection (h), "determinate beneficiary" 14 15 means the beneficiary who would receive any portion of the 16 total benefit claimed regardless of the manner in which the 17 Court of Claims adjudicates the claim.

(i) The Court of Claims shall ensure that all individuals 18 19 who have filed an application to claim the duty death benefit 20 for a deceased member of the Armed Forces pursuant to this 21 Section or for a fireman pursuant to this Section, or their 22 designated representative, shall have access, on a timely basis 23 and in an efficient manner, to all information related to the court's consideration, processing, or adjudication of the 24 25 claim, including, but not limited to, the following:

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(1) a reliable estimate of when the Court of Claims

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will adjudicate the claim, or if the Court cannot estimate when it will adjudicate the claim, a full written explanation of the reasons for this inability; and

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(2) a reliable estimate, based upon consultation with the Comptroller, of when the benefit will be paid to the claimant.

(j) The Court of Claims shall send written notice to all 7 8 claimants within 2 weeks of the initiation of a claim 9 indicating whether or not the application is complete. For 10 purposes of this subsection (j), an application is complete if 11 a claimant has submitted to the Court of Claims all documents 12 and information the Court requires for adjudicating and paying the benefit amount. For purposes of this subsection (j), a 13 14 claim for the duty death benefit is initiated when a claimant 15 submits any of the application materials required for 16 adjudicating the claim to the Court of Claims. In the event a 17 claimant's application is incomplete, the Court shall include in its written notice a list of the information or documents 18 which the claimant must submit in order for the application to 19 20 be complete. In no case may the Court of Claims deny a claim 21 and subsequently re-adjudicate the same claim for the purpose 22 of evading or reducing the interest penalty payment amount 23 payable to any claimant.

24 (Source: P.A. 95-928, eff. 8-26-08; 96-539, eff. 1-1-10; 25 96-923, eff. 1-1-11.)

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