



99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2015 and 2016

HB3950

by Rep. Monique D. Davis

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 505/17a-16 new

Amends the Children and Family Services Act. Provides that the Department of Children and Family Services shall establish and administer a program aimed at placing foster children with a permanent foster parent or foster family as an alternative to group home or institutional care. Provides that, to achieve this purpose, the Department shall purchase and rehabilitate single-family homes that are subject to a foreclosure sale and place no more than 3 foster children in each rehabilitated home with an individual or family that is eligible to foster a child in the custody of the Department. Provides that an eligible individual or family assigned to foster a child or children in a home purchased and rehabilitated under the program shall reside at the home for the duration of the Department's custody over any foster child placed in the home or until the individual or family is no longer eligible to foster a child in the custody of the Department. Requires the Department to apply for any applicable federal funds or grants to assist in implementing the program; and to adopt any rules necessary to implement the program, including rules on recruiting individuals or families to participate in the program and rules concerning a stipend payable to foster parents or foster families participating in the program which shall be used to cover any costs not covered by the Department in connection with the basic maintenance and upkeep of the home.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

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

4 Section 5. The Children and Family Services Act is amended
5 by adding Section 17a-16 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 505/17a-16 new)

7 Sec. 17a-16. Homes for foster children.

8 (a) As used in this Section:

9 "Rehabilitate" means the process of improving the
10 property, including, but not limited to, bringing the property
11 into compliance with applicable fire, housing, and building
12 codes.

13 (b) The Department shall establish and administer a program
14 aimed at placing foster children with a permanent foster parent
15 or foster family as an alternative to group home or
16 institutional care. To achieve this purpose, the Department
17 shall purchase and rehabilitate single-family homes that are
18 subject to a foreclosure sale and place no more than 3 foster
19 children in each rehabilitated home with an individual or
20 family that is eligible to foster a child in the custody of the
21 Department. An eligible individual or family assigned to foster
22 a child or children in a home purchased and rehabilitated under
23 the program shall reside at the home for the duration of the

1 Department's custody over any foster child placed in the home
2 or until the individual or family is no longer eligible to
3 foster a child in the custody of the Department. The Department
4 shall apply for any applicable federal funds or grants to
5 assist in implementing the program. The Department shall adopt
6 any rules necessary to implement the program, including rules
7 on recruiting eligible individuals or families to participate
8 in the program and rules concerning a stipend payable to foster
9 parents or foster families participating in the program which
10 shall be used to cover any costs not covered by the Department
11 in connection with the basic maintenance and upkeep of the
12 home.