

HB6086



99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/2-3.163

Amends the School Code. Provides that children and adolescents who are registered in the Prioritization of Urgency of Need for Services database before their 17th birthday shall be placed higher on the waiting list than adolescents who are registered on or after their 17th birthday within the same level of priority. Requires the State Board of Education and the Department of Human Services to issue an annual report detailing the number of students who have enrolled in the database broken down by age and grade level. Requires the report to be made available online.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning education.

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

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section
5 2-3.163 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.163)

7 Sec. 2-3.163. Prioritization of Urgency of Need for
8 Services database.

9 (a) The General Assembly makes all of the following
10 findings:

11 (1) The Department of Human Services maintains a
12 statewide database known as the Prioritization of Urgency
13 of Need for Services that records information about
14 individuals with developmental disabilities who are
15 potentially in need of services.

16 (2) The Department of Human Services uses the data on
17 Prioritization of Urgency of Need for Services to select
18 individuals for services as funding becomes available, to
19 develop proposals and materials for budgeting, and to plan
20 for future needs.

21 (3) Prioritization of Urgency of Need for Services is
22 available for children and adults with a developmental
23 disability who have an unmet service need anticipated in

1 the next 5 years.

2 (4) Prioritization of Urgency of Need for Services is
3 the first step toward getting developmental disabilities
4 services in this State. If individuals are not on the
5 Prioritization of Urgency of Need for Services waiting
6 list, they are not in queue for State developmental
7 disabilities services.

8 (5) Prioritization of Urgency of Need for Services may
9 be underutilized by children and their parents or guardians
10 due to lack of awareness or lack of information.

11 (b) The State Board of Education may work with school
12 districts to inform all students with developmental
13 disabilities and their parents or guardians about the
14 Prioritization of Urgency of Need for Services database.
15 Children and adolescents who are registered in the
16 Prioritization of Urgency of Need for Services database before
17 their 17th birthday shall be placed higher on the waiting list
18 than adolescents who are registered on or after their 17th
19 birthday within the same level of priority.

20 (c) Subject to appropriation, the Department of Human
21 Services and State Board of Education shall develop and
22 implement an online, computer-based training program for at
23 least one designated employee in every public school in this
24 State to educate him or her about the Prioritization of Urgency
25 of Need for Services database and steps to be taken to ensure
26 children and adolescents are enrolled. The training shall

1 include instruction for at least one designated employee in
2 every public school in contacting the appropriate
3 developmental disabilities Independent Service Coordination
4 agency to enroll children and adolescents in the database. At
5 least one designated employee in every public school shall
6 ensure the opportunity to enroll in the Prioritization of
7 Urgency of Need for Services database is discussed during
8 annual individualized education program (IEP) meetings for all
9 children and adolescents believed to have a developmental
10 disability.

11 (d) The State Board of Education, in consultation with the
12 Department of Human Services, shall inform parents and
13 guardians of students through school districts about the
14 Prioritization of Urgency of Need for Services waiting list.

15 (e) Beginning January 1, 2017 and annually thereafter, the
16 State Board of Education and the Department of Human Services
17 shall issue a report detailing the number of students who have
18 enrolled in the Prioritization of Urgency of Need for Services
19 database under this Section, broken down by at least age and
20 grade level. Where possible, the report shall also include how
21 the student and his or her parent or guardian learned of the
22 database. The report shall be made available online.

23 (Source: P.A. 99-144, eff. 1-1-16.)