SB1255

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2015 and 2016

SB1255

Introduced 2/17/2015, by Sen. Mattie Hunter

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 505/8.1 new

Amends the Children and Family Services Act. Provides that the Department of Children and Family Services shall adopt rules on the development and implementation of a Foster Youth Summer Internship Pilot Program for the purpose of providing foster youth with professional training and experience through internships. Provides that the Department may collaborate with other appropriate State agencies to establish the pilot program; and that the Department shall establish rules on the application process and eligibility requirements under the pilot program, which shall include, but not be limited to, a rule establishing that individuals who are at least 15 years old and are current or former foster youth are eligible to participate in the pilot program. Provides that internships provided under the pilot program may be paid or unpaid; and that subject to appropriations, beginning January 1, 2016, the Department shall implement the pilot program. Provides that the pilot program shall operate for a 2-year period, at the end of which the Department shall evaluate the pilot program and submit a report to the General Assembly with its findings, including, but not limited to: (i) the number of foster youth who participated in the pilot program; (ii) the location and type of internships provided under the pilot program; and (3) the Department's efforts to recruit eligible individuals to participate in the pilot program. Requires the report to state whether the Department intends to continue the pilot program, using performance metrics to explain the rationale for its decision. Effective immediately.

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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 8.1 as follows:

6   (20 ILCS 505/8.1 new)

7   Sec. 8.1. Foster Youth Summer Internship Pilot Program.

8   (a) The Department shall adopt rules on the development and

9   implementation of a Foster Youth Summer Internship Pilot

10   Program for the purpose of providing foster youth with

11   professional training and experience through internships. The

12   Department may collaborate with other appropriate State

13   agencies to establish the pilot program.

14   (b) The Department shall adopt rules on the application

15   process and eligibility requirements under the pilot program,

16   which shall include, but not be limited to, a rule establishing

17   that individuals who are at least 15 years old and are current

18   or former foster youth are eligible to participate in the pilot

19   program.

20   (c) The Department shall adopt rules to use the

21   request-for-proposal process set forth in the Illinois

22   Procurement Code when soliciting and entering into contractual

23   agreements with organizations wanting to award internships

1   under the pilot program.

2   (d) The pilot program may be established in multiple

3   regions of the State.

4   (e) Internships provided under the pilot program may be

5   paid or unpaid.

6   (f) Subject to appropriations, beginning January 1, 2016,

7   the Department shall implement the pilot program. The pilot

8   program shall operate for a 2-year period. At the end of that

9   2-year period, the Department shall evaluate the pilot program

10 and submit a report to the General Assembly with its findings,

11 including, but not limited to: (i) the number of foster youth

12 who participated in the pilot program; (ii) the location and

13 type of internships provided under the pilot program; and (3)

14 the Department's efforts to recruit eligible individuals to

15 participate in the pilot program. The report shall state

16 whether the Department intends to continue the pilot program,

17 using performance metrics to explain the rationale for its

18 decision.

19   Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon

20 becoming law.