AN ACT concerning State government.

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

Section 5. The Fire Investigation Act is amended by adding Section 13.2 as follows:

(425 ILCS 25/13.2 new)

Sec. 13.2. Youth Firesetter Interventionist Coordinator;
Certified Youth Firesetter Interventionists.

(a) The Office of the State Fire Marshal shall create the position of Youth Firesetter Interventionist Coordinator within the Division of Arson. The Youth Firesetter Interventionist Coordinator must be a certified youth firesetter interventionist.

The Office shall use National Fire Protection Association standards related to the Youth Firesetter Intervention Program Manager in the development of the job responsibilities for the Youth Firesetter Interventionist Coordinator.

The Youth Firesetter Interventionist Coordinator shall have the following responsibilities:

(1) The Youth Firesetter Interventionist Coordinator shall ensure that a Certified Youth Firesetter Interventionist employed within the Office, or a local Certified Youth Firesetter Interventionist, physically

sees or connects with a youth whose case was referred to the Office within 72 hours of a referral. If no other Certified Youth Firesetter Interventionist is available, then the Youth Firesetter Interventionist Coordinator must take the case and ensure that he or she physically sees or connects with the youth within 72 hours. The 72 hours includes any weekend days or national or State holidays.

- (2) The Youth Firesetter Interventionist Coordinator shall assist with Freedom of Information Act requests.
- (3) The Office shall create a report on Youth Firesetter Interventions, and shall submit such report to the General Assembly. The report shall be semiannual for the first 2 years, and the first report shall be submitted to the General Assembly by December 31, 2023. After the first 3 semiannual reports, the report shall be submitted annually. The semiannual reports shall be submitted by:

 December 31, 2023, June 30, 2024, and December 31, 2024.
- (b) A local Certified Youth Firesetter Interventionist rostered with a fire department or fire protection district may receive a \$250 stipend and mileage reimbursement for any necessary travel for a case only if the local Certified Youth Firesetter Interventionist is not otherwise compensated by another employer or entity for that case.

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