

1 AN ACT concerning criminal law.

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

4 Section 5. The Unified Code of Corrections is amended by  
5 changing Section 3-2.5-40.1 as follows:

6 (730 ILCS 5/3-2.5-40.1)

7 Sec. 3-2.5-40.1. Training. The Department shall design  
8 training for its personnel and shall enter into agreements with  
9 the Department of Corrections or other State agencies and  
10 through them, if necessary, public and private colleges and  
11 universities, or private organizations to ensure that staff are  
12 trained to work with a broad range of youth and possess the  
13 skills necessary to assess, engage, educate, and intervene with  
14 youth in its custody in ways that are appropriate to ensure  
15 successful outcomes for those youth and their families pursuant  
16 to the mission of the Department. The training for Department  
17 personnel shall include courses in restorative practices. In  
18 this Section, "restorative practices" means programs and  
19 activities based on a philosophical framework that emphasizes  
20 the need to repair harm through a process of mediation and  
21 peace circles in order to promote empowerment and reparation.  
22 The Department may adopt rules to implement the training,  
23 including the length and frequency of the courses and the

1 curriculum for the courses.

2 (Source: P.A. 94-696, eff. 6-1-06.)