



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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HB2511

Introduced 2/4/2025, by Rep. Jed Davis

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 301/5-35 new

Amends the Substance Use Disorder Act. Creates the State Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) Program to provide awareness, prevention, identification, intervention, and service delivery. Sets forth certain activities under the program, including, but not limited to: (i) designating a State FASD coordinator with knowledge and experience in the field of prenatal alcohol exposure and FASD; (ii) utilizing and adapting existing federal or State programs to include FASD identification and FASD-informed support; (iii) developing and expanding screening and diagnostic capacity for FASD; and (iv) providing training with respect to FASD for professionals across relevant sectors. Establishes a FASD State Advisory Committee to provide guidance for the FASD State Program to prevent FASD and provide for the identification, treatment, and support of individuals with FASD and their families. Sets forth certain activities of the committee; committee membership; and committee reporting requirements. Permits the Department of Human Services to contract with or provide grants to public and private nonprofit entities for FASD programs.

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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 Substance Use Disorder Act is amended by
5 adding Section 5-35 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 301/5-35 new)

7 Sec. 5-35. State Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD)
8 Program.

9 (a) General. There is established a comprehensive fetal
10 alcohol spectrum disorders (FASD) awareness, prevention,
11 identification, intervention, and service delivery program
12 (program) in the State of Illinois which may include, but is
13 not limited to, the following activities:

14 (1) Designating a State FASD coordinator with
15 knowledge and experience in the field of prenatal alcohol
16 exposure and FASD.

17 (2) Utilizing and adapting existing federal or State
18 programs to include FASD identification and FASD-informed
19 support.

20 (3) Developing and expanding screening and diagnostic
21 capacity for FASD.

22 (4) Developing, implementing, and evaluating targeted
23 FASD-informed intervention programs for FASD.

1 (5) Increasing awareness of FASD.

2 (6) Providing training with respect to FASD for
3 professionals across relevant sectors.

4 (7) Serving as a centralized resource for issues
5 related to FASD and disseminating information about FASD
6 and support services to affected individuals and their
7 families.

8 (b) As used in this Section, "fetal alcohol spectrum
9 disorders" or "FADS" refers to a range of effects that can
10 occur in an individual who has been prenatally exposed to
11 alcohol. Prenatal alcohol exposure is the leading cause of
12 preventable developmental disabilities, including over 400
13 co-occurring possible disease conditions, impacting the brain,
14 vision, hearing, heart, circulation, digestion, and
15 musculoskeletal and respiratory systems. FASD includes
16 diagnoses such as Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS), partial Fetal
17 Alcohol Syndrome (pFAS), Alcohol-Related Neurodevelopmental
18 Disorder (ARND), Static Encephalopathy-Alcohol Exposed
19 (SE-AE), Neurobehavioral Disorders Associated with Prenatal
20 Alcohol Exposure (NDPAE), and alcohol-related birth defects.

21 (c) Lead agency. The Governor shall designate the
22 Department of Human Services as the sole agency responsible
23 for the administration of the program established under
24 subsection (a).

25 (d) FASD State Advisory Committee.

26 (1) Purpose. A FASD State Advisory Committee is

1 established to provide guidance for the FASD State Program
2 to prevent FASD and provide for the identification,
3 treatment, and support of individuals with FASD and their
4 families. Activities of the committee may include, but is
5 not limited to:

6 (A) developing a statewide strategic plan to
7 substantially reduce prenatal alcohol exposure and
8 provide for the identification, treatment, and support
9 of individuals with FASD and their families;

10 (B) providing guidance on the implementation of
11 the strategic plan by reviewing and commenting on
12 grant proposals addressing prenatal alcohol and
13 substance exposure and FASD-informed supports and
14 interventions;

15 (C) identifying existing federal or State agency
16 programs related to prenatal alcohol and substance
17 exposure and FASD and making recommendations for the
18 utilization and adaptation of such programs to include
19 prenatal alcohol screening and FASD-informed supports
20 and interventions; and

21 (D) reviewing programs of State agencies that
22 relate to prenatal alcohol or substance exposure and
23 FASD, and coordinating such programs that are
24 interdepartmental in nature in accordance with an
25 interagency agreement, whenever feasible.

26 (2) Composition. The FASD Advisory Committee shall

1 consist of:

2 (A) The Department heads, or their senior level
3 designees, of the following State agencies:

4 (i) Department of Healthcare and Family
5 Services.

6 (ii) Department of Human Services.

7 (iii) Department of Corrections.

8 (iv) Illinois State Police.

9 (v) Department of Employment Security.

10 (vi) Illinois State Board of Education.

11 (B) No more than 7 members from the public
12 representing health, education, and justice professionals
13 and service providers, and at least 3 members with FASD or
14 who have a family member with FASD. The Governor shall
15 appoint all members described in this subparagraph.

16 (3) Each member shall serve for a term of 4 years. If a
17 vacancy occurs in the committee membership, the vacancy shall
18 be filled in the same manner as the original appointment for
19 the remainder of the unexpired term. Members shall serve
20 without compensation but shall be reimbursed for necessary
21 expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

22 The committee shall elect a chair from its membership.

23 (4) Administrative support. The Secretary of Human
24 Services shall designate a FASD State Coordinator to provide
25 administrative support for the committee.

26 (5) Reports. The committee shall report from time to time

1 on its activities to the Governor, the chairs of the
2 appropriate policy committees of the House of Representatives
3 and Senate, and to the Department of Human Services. The
4 committee shall file a formal report with the Governor not
5 later than October 15 of each even-numbered year so that the
6 information contained in the report, including
7 recommendations, can be included in the Governor's Budget
8 Address to the General Assembly. It shall also report to the
9 chairs of the appropriate policy committees of the House of
10 Representatives and Senate not later than November 15 of each
11 even-numbered year.

12 (e) Federal funds; contracts. The Department of Human
13 Services may apply for, receive, and disburse federal funds
14 made available to the State by federal law or rules adopted for
15 any purpose related to the powers and duties of the Department
16 that are consistent with the purposes of this Section. The
17 Department shall comply with any requirements of federal law,
18 rules, and regulations to apply for, receive, and disburse
19 funds. The Department may contract with or provide grants to
20 public and private nonprofit entities for FASD programs set
21 forth in subsection (a).