

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 Department of Early Childhood Act is
5 amended by changing Section 1-30 as follows:

6 (325 ILCS 3/1-30)

7 Sec. 1-30. General powers and duties.

8 (a) The Department shall exercise the rights, powers,
9 duties, and functions provided by law, including, but not
10 limited to, the rights, powers, duties, and functions
11 transferred to the Department.

12 (a-5) The Department shall establish an Early Childhood
13 Integrated Data System (ECIDS) to make equity driven,
14 inclusive, and data-informed decisions that create a simpler,
15 better, and fairer system for all Illinois children and
16 families. The ECIDS shall be designed and maintained to allow
17 for data integration and sharing with other State agencies and
18 other entities that maintain State data within the State early
19 childhood ecosystem as needed for cross-agency collaboration
20 and to the extent permitted by State and federal requirements.

21 The Department shall develop public analytic portals and
22 query tools for parents and communities to access aggregated
23 integrated data from the ECIDS system to the extent permitted

1 by State and federal confidentiality requirements.

2 (b) The Department may employ personnel (in accordance
3 with the Personnel Code and any applicable collective
4 bargaining agreements), provide facilities, contract for goods
5 and services, and adopt rules as necessary to carry out its
6 functions and purposes, all in accordance with applicable
7 State and federal law.

8 The Department may establish such subdivisions of the
9 Department as shall be desirable and assign to the various
10 subdivisions the responsibilities and duties placed upon the
11 Department by the Laws of the State of Illinois.

12 The Department shall adopt, as necessary, rules for the
13 execution of its powers. The provisions of the Illinois
14 Administrative Procedure Act are hereby expressly adopted and
15 shall apply to all administrative rules and procedures of the
16 Department under this Act, except that Section 5-35 of the
17 Illinois Administrative Procedure Act relating to procedures
18 for rulemaking does not apply to the adoption of any rule
19 required by federal law in connection with which the
20 Department is precluded by law from exercising any discretion.

21 (c) Procurements necessary for the Department of Early
22 Childhood to implement this Act are subject to the Illinois
23 Procurement Code, except as otherwise provided in paragraph
24 (25) of subsection (b) of Section 1-10 of that Code. The
25 Department of Early Childhood is subject to the Business
26 Enterprise for Minorities, Women, and Persons with

1 Disabilities Act.

2 (Source: P.A. 103-594, eff. 6-25-24.)