

1 AN ACT concerning safety.

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

4 Section 5. The Reimagine Public Safety Act is amended by
5 changing Sections 35-20 and 35-25 as follows:

6 (430 ILCS 69/35-20)

7 Sec. 35-20. Office of Firearm Violence Prevention.

8 (a) On or before October 1, 2021, an Office of Firearm
9 Violence Prevention is established within the Illinois
10 Department of Human Services. The Assistant Secretary of
11 Violence Prevention shall report his or her actions to the
12 Secretary of Human Services and the Office of the Governor.
13 The Office shall have the authority to coordinate and
14 integrate all programs and services listed in this Act and
15 other programs and services the Governor establishes by
16 executive order to maximize an integrated approach to reducing
17 Illinois' firearm violence epidemic and ultimately ending this
18 public health crisis.

19 (b) The Department of Human Services and the Office of
20 Firearm Violence Prevention shall have grant making,
21 operational, and procurement authority to distribute funds to
22 violence prevention organizations, youth development
23 organizations, high-risk youth intervention organizations,

1 approved technical assistance and training providers,
2 evaluation and assessment organizations, and other entities
3 necessary to execute the functions established in this Act and
4 other programs and services the Governor establishes by
5 executive order for the Department and the Office.

6 (c) The Assistant Secretary of Firearm Violence Prevention
7 shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent
8 of the Senate. The Assistant Secretary of Firearm Violence
9 Prevention shall receive an annual salary of \$170,000 or as
10 set by the Governor, whichever is higher, and, beginning July
11 1, 2023, shall be compensated from appropriations provided to
12 the Comptroller for this purpose. On July 1, 2023, and on each
13 July 1 thereafter, the Assistant Secretary shall receive an
14 increase in salary based on a cost of living adjustment as
15 authorized by Senate Joint Resolution 192 of the 86th General
16 Assembly. The Assistant Secretary of Firearm Violence
17 Prevention shall report to the Secretary of Human Services and
18 also report his or her actions to the Office of the Governor.

19 (d) For Illinois municipalities with a 1,000,000 or more
20 population, the Office of Firearm Violence Prevention shall
21 determine the 10 most violent neighborhoods. When possible,
22 this shall be determined by measuring the number of per capita
23 fatal and nonfatal firearm-shot victims, excluding
24 self-inflicted incidents, from January 1, 2016 through
25 December 31, 2020. These 10 communities shall qualify for
26 grants under this Act and coordination of other State services

1 from the Office of Firearm Violence Prevention. The Office
2 shall, after identifying the top 10 neighborhoods, identify an
3 additional 7 eligible neighborhoods by considering the number
4 of victims in rank order in addition to the per capita rate. If
5 appropriate, and subject to appropriation, the Office shall
6 have the authority to consider adding up to 5 additional
7 eligible neighborhoods or clusters of contiguous neighborhoods
8 utilizing the same data sets so as to maximize the potential
9 impact for firearm violence reduction. For Illinois
10 municipalities with less than 1,000,000 residents and more
11 than 35,000 residents, the Office of Firearm Violence
12 Prevention shall identify the 10 municipalities or contiguous
13 geographic areas that have the greatest concentrated firearm
14 violence victims. When possible, this shall be determined by
15 measuring the number of fatal and nonfatal firearm-shot
16 victims, excluding self-inflicted incidents, from January 1,
17 2016 through December 31, 2020 divided by the number of
18 residents for each municipality or area. These 10
19 municipalities or contiguous geographic areas and up to 5
20 additional municipalities or contiguous geographic areas
21 identified by the Office of Firearm Violence Prevention shall
22 qualify for grants under this Act and coordination of other
23 State services from the Office of Firearm Violence Prevention.
24 The Office of Firearm Violence Prevention shall consider
25 factors listed in subsection (a) of Section 35-40 to determine
26 up to 5 additional municipalities or contiguous geographic

1 areas that qualify for grants under this Act. The Office of
2 Firearm Violence Prevention may, subject to appropriation,
3 identify up to 5 additional neighborhoods, municipalities,
4 contiguous geographic areas, or other local
5 government-identified boundary areas to receive funding under
6 this Act after considering additional risk factors that
7 contribute to community firearm violence. The data analysis to
8 identify new eligible neighborhoods and municipalities shall
9 be updated to reflect eligibility based on the most recently
10 available 5 full years of data no more frequently than once
11 every 3 years.

12 (e) The Office of Firearm Violence Prevention shall issue
13 a report to the General Assembly annually ~~no later than~~
14 ~~January 1 of each year~~ that identifies communities within
15 Illinois municipalities of 1,000,000 or more residents and
16 municipalities with less than 1,000,000 residents and more
17 than 35,000 residents that are experiencing concentrated
18 firearm violence, explaining the investments that are being
19 made to reduce concentrated firearm violence, and making
20 further recommendations on how to end Illinois' firearm
21 violence epidemic.

22 (Source: P.A. 102-16, eff. 6-17-21; 102-679, eff. 12-10-21;
23 102-1115, eff. 1-9-23.)

24 (430 ILCS 69/35-25)

25 Sec. 35-25. Integrated violence prevention and other

1 services.

2 (a) Subject to appropriation, for municipalities with
3 1,000,000 or more residents, the Office of Firearm Violence
4 Prevention shall make grants to violence prevention
5 organizations for evidence-based violence prevention services.
6 Approved technical assistance and training providers shall
7 create learning communities for the exchange of information
8 between community-based organizations in the same or similar
9 fields. Firearm violence prevention organizations shall
10 prioritize individuals at the highest risk of firearm violence
11 victimization and provide these individuals with
12 evidence-based comprehensive services that reduce their
13 exposure to chronic firearm violence.

14 (a-5) Grants may be awarded under this Act to Reimagine
15 Public Safety grantees or their subgrantees to provide any one
16 or more of the following services to Reimagine Public Safety
17 program participants or credible messengers:

18 (1) Behavioral health services, including clinical
19 interventions, crisis interventions, and group counseling
20 supports, such as peer support groups, social-emotional
21 learning supports, including skill building for anger
22 management, de-escalation, sensory stabilization, coping
23 strategies, and thoughtful decision-making, short-term
24 clinical individual sessions, psycho-social assessments,
25 and motivational interviewing.

26 (A) Funds awarded under this paragraph may be used

1 for behavioral health services until July 1, 2026
2 ~~2025~~.

3 (B) Any community violence prevention service
4 provider being reimbursed from funds awarded under
5 this paragraph for behavioral health services must
6 also file a plan to become Medicaid certified for
7 violence prevention-community support team services
8 under the Illinois Medicaid program on or before July
9 1, 2026 ~~2025~~.

10 (2) Capacity-building services, including
11 administrative and programmatic support, services, and
12 resources, such as subcontract development, budget
13 development, grant monitoring and reporting, and fiscal
14 sponsorship. Capacity-building services financed with
15 grants awarded under this Act may also include intensive
16 training and technical assistance focused on Community
17 Violence Intervention (CVI) not-for-profit business
18 operations, best practice delivery of firearm violence
19 prevention services, and assistance with administering and
20 meeting fiscal reporting or auditing requirements.
21 Capacity-building services financed with grants awarded
22 under this Act must be directed to a current or potential
23 Reimagine Public Safety firearm violence prevention
24 provider and cannot exceed 20% of potential funds awarded
25 to the relevant provider or future provider.

26 (3) Legal aid services, including funding for staff

1 attorneys and paralegals to provide education, training,
2 legal services, and advocacy for program recipients. Legal
3 aid services that may be provided with grant funds awarded
4 under this Act include "Know Your Rights" clinics,
5 trainings targeting returning citizens and families
6 impacted by incarceration, and long-term legal efforts
7 addressing expungement, civil rights, family law, housing,
8 employment, and victim rights. Legal aid services provided
9 with grant funds awarded under this Act shall not be
10 directed toward criminal justice issues.

11 (4) Housing services, including grants for emergency
12 and temporary housing for individuals at immediate risk of
13 firearm violence, except that grant funding provided under
14 this paragraph must be directed only toward Reimagine
15 Public Safety program participants.

16 (5) Workforce development services, including grants
17 for job coaching, intensive case management, employment
18 training and placement, and retention services, including
19 the provision of transitional job placements and access to
20 basic certificate training for industry-specific jobs.
21 Training also includes the provision of education-related
22 content, such as financial literacy training, GED
23 preparation, and academic coaching.

24 (6) Re-entry services for individuals exiting the
25 State or county criminal justice systems, if those
26 individuals are either eligible for services under this

1 Act as participants or are individuals who can make an
2 immediate contribution to mediate neighborhood conflicts
3 if they receive stabilizing services. Re-entry services
4 financed with grants awarded under this Act include all
5 services authorized under this Act, including services
6 listed in this subsection.

7 (7) Victim services, including assessments and
8 screening of victim needs, planning sessions related to
9 assessments, service planning and goal setting, assessing
10 intervention needs, notifying and navigating participants
11 through public agency processes for victim compensation,
12 crisis intervention, emergency financial assistance,
13 transportation, medical care, stable housing, and shelter,
14 assessment and linkage to public benefits, and relocation
15 services.

16 (b) In the geographic areas they serve, violence
17 prevention organizations shall develop expertise in:

18 (1) Analyzing and leveraging data to identify the
19 individuals who will most benefit from evidence-based
20 violence prevention services in their geographic areas.

21 (2) Identifying the conflicts that are responsible for
22 recurring violence.

23 (3) Having relationships with individuals who are most
24 able to reduce conflicts.

25 (4) Addressing the stabilization and trauma recovery
26 needs of individuals impacted by violence by providing

1 direct services for their unmet needs or referring them to
2 other qualified service providers.

3 (5) Having and building relationships with community
4 members and community organizations that provide
5 evidence-based violence prevention services and get
6 referrals of people who will most benefit from
7 evidence-based violence prevention services in their
8 geographic areas.

9 (6) Providing training and technical assistance to
10 local law enforcement agencies to improve their
11 effectiveness without having any role, requirement, or
12 mandate to participate in the policing, enforcement, or
13 prosecution of any crime.

14 (c) Violence prevention organizations receiving grants
15 under this Act shall coordinate services with other violence
16 prevention organizations in their area.

17 (d) The Office of Firearm Violence Prevention shall
18 identify, for each separate eligible service area under this
19 Act, an experienced violence prevention organization to serve
20 as the Lead Violence Prevention Convener for that area and
21 provide each Lead Violence Prevention Convener with a grant to
22 coordinate monthly meetings between violence prevention
23 organizations and youth development organizations under this
24 Act. The Lead Violence Prevention Convener may also receive,
25 from the Office of Firearm Violence Prevention, technical
26 assistance or training through approved providers when needs

1 are jointly identified. The Lead Violence Prevention Convener
2 shall:

3 (1) provide the convened organizations with summary
4 notes recommendations made at the monthly meetings to
5 improve the effectiveness of evidence-based violence
6 prevention services based on review of timely data on
7 shootings and homicides in his or her relevant
8 neighborhood;

9 (2) attend monthly meetings where the cause of
10 violence and other neighborhood disputes is discussed and
11 strategize on how to resolve ongoing conflicts and execute
12 on agreed plans;

13 (3) (blank);

14 (4) on behalf of the convened organizations, make
15 consensus recommendations to the Office of Firearm
16 Violence Prevention and local law enforcement on how to
17 reduce violent conflict in his or her neighborhood;

18 (5) meet on an emergency basis when conflicts that
19 need immediate attention and resolution arise;

20 (6) share knowledge and strategies of the community
21 violence dynamic in monthly meetings with local youth
22 development specialists receiving grants under this Act;

23 (7) select when and where needed an approved Office of
24 Violence Prevention-funded technical assistance and
25 training service provider to receive agreed upon services;
26 and

1 (8) after meeting with community residents and other
2 community organizations that have expertise in housing,
3 mental health, economic development, education, and social
4 services, make recommendations to the Office of Firearm
5 Violence Prevention on how to target community
6 revitalization resources available from federal and State
7 funding sources.

8 The Office of Firearm Violence Prevention shall compile
9 recommendations from all Lead Violence Prevention Conveners
10 and report to the General Assembly annually ~~bi-annually~~ on
11 these funding recommendations. The Lead Violence Prevention
12 Convener may also serve as a violence prevention or youth
13 development provider.

14 (e) The Illinois Office of Firearm Violence Prevention
15 shall select, when possible and appropriate, no ~~fewer than 2~~
16 ~~and no~~ more than 3 approved technical assistance and training
17 providers to deliver technical assistance and training to the
18 violence prevention organizations that request to receive
19 approved technical assistance and training. Violence
20 prevention organizations shall have the opportunity to select
21 among the approved technical assistance services providers
22 funded by the Office of Firearm Violence Prevention, as long
23 as the technical assistance provider has the capacity to
24 effectively serve the grantees that have selected them. The
25 Department shall make best efforts to accommodate second
26 choices of violence prevention organizations when the violence

1 prevention organizations' first choice does not have capacity
2 to provide technical assistance.

3 (f) Approved technical assistance and training providers
4 may:

5 (1) provide training and certification to violence
6 prevention professionals on how to perform violence
7 prevention services and other professional development to
8 violence prevention professionals.

9 (2) provide management training on how to manage
10 violence prevention professionals;

11 (3) provide training and assistance on how to develop
12 memorandum of understanding for referral services or
13 create approved provider lists for these referral
14 services, or both;

15 (4) share lessons learned among violence prevention
16 professionals and service providers in their network; and

17 (5) provide technical assistance and training on human
18 resources, grants management, capacity building, and
19 fiscal management strategies.

20 (g) Approved technical assistance and training providers
21 shall:

22 (1) provide additional services identified as
23 necessary by the Office of Firearm Violence Prevention and
24 service providers in their network; and

25 (2) receive a base grant of up to \$250,000 plus
26 negotiated service rates to provide group and

1 individualized services to participating violence
2 prevention organizations.

3 (h) (Blank).

4 (i) The Office of Firearm Violence Prevention shall issue
5 grants, when possible and appropriate, to ~~no fewer than 2~~
6 violence prevention organizations in each of the eligible
7 service areas and no more than 6 organizations. When possible,
8 the Office of Firearm Violence Prevention shall work, subject
9 to eligible applications received, to ensure that grant
10 resources are equitably distributed across eligible service
11 areas. The Office of Firearm Violence Prevention may establish
12 grant award ranges to ensure grants will have the potential to
13 reduce violence in each neighborhood.

14 (j) No violence prevention organization can serve more
15 than 3 eligible service areas unless the Office of Firearm
16 Violence Prevention is unable to identify violence prevention
17 organizations to provide adequate coverage.

18 (k) No approved technical assistance and training provider
19 shall provide evidence-based violence prevention services in
20 an eligible service area under this Act unless the Office of
21 Firearm Violence Prevention is unable to identify qualified
22 violence prevention organizations to provide adequate
23 coverage.

24 (Source: P.A. 102-16, eff. 6-17-21; 102-679, eff. 12-10-21;
25 103-8, eff. 6-7-23; 103-1059, eff. 12-20-24.)