

104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**State of Illinois****2025 and 2026****SB2869**

Introduced 1/16/2026, by Sen. Darby A. Hills

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 505/2.3 new

Amends the Children and Family Services Act. Requires the Department of Children and Family Services to submit, beginning June 1, 2027, annual reports to the General Assembly on the total number of youth in care who were classified by the Department as missing during the previous calendar year and, from that reported number, the total number of missing youth who were later located or recovered. Requires the annual reports to include for each youth who was classified as missing: information on the youth's age and gender, the type of placement the youth was placed in before the youth was classified as missing, the total length of time the youth has been under the Department's custody or guardianship, the date upon which the youth was first classified as missing, the circumstances leading up to the Department classifying the youth as missing, actions the Department has taken to locate or recover the youth, and, if applicable, the date on which the Department located or recovered the youth. Requires the Department to follow all State and federal privacy laws and regulations when collecting, sharing, storing, or reporting the data and information on missing youth in care.

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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 Children and Family Services Act is amended
5 by adding Section 2.3 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 505/2.3 new)

7 Sec. 2.3. Annual reports on missing youth in care.

8 On or before June 1, 2027, and every year thereafter, the
9 Department shall submit to the General Assembly an annual
10 report on (i) the total number of youth in care who were
11 classified as missing by the Department during the previous
12 calendar year and (ii) the number of missing youth in care
13 reported in item (i) who were later located or recovered by the
14 Department. For each youth in care reported under item (i),
15 the Department shall provide the following information:

16 (1) Age, gender, type of placement the youth was
17 placed in before the youth was classified as missing,
18 total length of time the youth has been under the
19 Department's custody or guardianship, and any other
20 relevant information.

21 (2) The date upon which the youth was first classified
22 as missing by the Department.

23 (3) The circumstances leading up to the Department

1 classifying the youth as missing.

2 (4) Actions taken by the Department to locate or
3 recover the youth, including a list of all Department
4 records or forms created or completed on the youth and a
5 list of all agencies the Department notified about the
6 youth, including, but not limited to, notifications made
7 to the appropriate local law enforcement agency and the
8 National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

9 (5) If the youth was later located or recovered, the
10 date on which the Department located or recovered the
11 youth.

12 All information collected, shared, stored, or reported on
13 in accordance with this Section shall be handled in accordance
14 with all applicable State and federal privacy laws and
15 regulations and redacted where appropriate.