

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2019 and 2020 HB3065

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

320 ILCS 20/5

from Ch. 23, par. 6605

Amends the Adult Protective Services Act. Provides that when conducting any investigation concerning a report of suspected abuse, neglect, financial exploitation, or self-neglect of an eligible adult, the Department on Aging shall contact as many of the eligible adult's family members, neighbors, and friends as reasonably possible under the circumstances.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY

1 AN ACT concerning aging.

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

- Section 5. The Adult Protective Services Act is amended by changing Section 5 as follows:
- 6 (320 ILCS 20/5) (from Ch. 23, par. 6605)
- 7 Sec. 5. Procedure.
- (a) A provider agency designated to receive reports of 8 9 alleged or suspected abuse, neglect, financial exploitation, or self-neglect under this Act shall, upon receiving such a 10 report, conduct a face-to-face assessment with respect to such 11 12 report, in accord with established law and Department 13 protocols, procedures, and policies. Face-to-face assessments, 14 casework, and follow-up of reports of self-neglect by the designated 15 provider agencies to receive reports of 16 self-neglect shall be subject to sufficient appropriation for 17 implementation of assessments, casework, follow-up of reports of self-neglect. In the absence of 18 19 sufficient appropriation for statewide implementation of assessments, casework, 20 and follow-up of reports 21 self-neglect, the designated adult protective services 22 provider agency shall refer all reports of self-neglect to the appropriate agency or agencies as designated by the Department 23

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for any follow-up. The assessment shall include, but not be limited to, a visit to the residence of the eligible adult who is the subject of the report and may include interviews or consultations with service agencies or individuals who may have knowledge of the eligible adult's circumstances. If, after the assessment, the provider agency determines that the case is substantiated it shall develop a service care plan for the eligible adult and may report its findings at any time during the case to the appropriate law enforcement agency in accord with established law and Department protocols, procedures, and policies. In developing a case plan, the provider agency may consult with any other appropriate provider of services, and such providers shall be immune from civil or criminal liability on account of such acts. The plan shall include alternative suggested or recommended services which are appropriate to the needs of the eligible adult and which involve the least restriction of the eligible adult's activities commensurate with his or her needs. Only those services to which consent is provided in accordance with Section 9 of this Act shall be provided, contingent upon the availability of such services.

- (a-5) When conducting any investigation concerning a report of suspected abuse, neglect, financial exploitation, or self-neglect of an eligible adult, the Department shall contact as many of the eligible adult's family members, neighbors, and friends as reasonably possible under the circumstances.
 - (b) A provider agency shall refer evidence of crimes

- 1 against an eligible adult to the appropriate law enforcement
- 2 agency according to Department policies. A referral to law
- 3 enforcement may be made at intake or any time during the case.
- 4 Where a provider agency has reason to believe the death of an
- 5 eligible adult may be the result of abuse or neglect, the
- 6 agency shall immediately report the matter to the coroner or
- 7 medical examiner and shall cooperate fully with any subsequent
- 8 investigation.
- 9 (c) If any person other than the alleged victim refuses to
- 10 allow the provider agency to begin an investigation, interferes
- 11 with the provider agency's ability to conduct an investigation,
- or refuses to give access to an eligible adult, the appropriate
- 13 law enforcement agency must be consulted regarding the
- 14 investigation.
- 15 (Source: P.A. 98-49, eff. 7-1-13; 98-1039, eff. 8-25-14.)