

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 Children's Mental Health Act of 2003 is
5 amended by changing Section 5 as follows:

6 (405 ILCS 49/5)

7 Sec. 5. Children's Mental Health Plan.

8 (a) The State of Illinois shall develop a Children's
9 Mental Health Plan containing short-term and long-term
10 recommendations to provide comprehensive, coordinated mental
11 health prevention, early intervention, and treatment services
12 for children from birth through age 18. This Plan shall
13 include but not be limited to:

14 (1) Coordinated provider services and interagency
15 referral networks for children from birth through age 18
16 to maximize resources and minimize duplication of
17 services.

18 (2) Guidelines for incorporating social and emotional
19 development into school learning standards and educational
20 programs, pursuant to Section 15 of this Act.

21 (3) Protocols for implementing screening and
22 assessment of children prior to any admission to an
23 inpatient hospital for psychiatric services, pursuant to

1 subsection (a) of Section 5-5.23 of the Illinois Public
2 Aid Code.

3 (4) Recommendations regarding a State budget for
4 children's mental health prevention, early intervention,
5 and treatment across all State agencies.

6 (5) Recommendations for State and local mechanisms for
7 integrating federal, State, and local funding sources for
8 children's mental health.

9 (6) Recommendations for building a qualified and
10 adequately trained workforce prepared to provide mental
11 health services for children from birth through age 18 and
12 their families.

13 (7) Recommendations for facilitating research on best
14 practices and model programs, and dissemination of this
15 information to Illinois policymakers, practitioners, and
16 the general public through training, technical assistance,
17 and educational materials.

18 (8) Recommendations for a comprehensive, multi-faceted
19 public awareness campaign to reduce the stigma of mental
20 illness and educate families, the general public, and
21 other key audiences about the benefits of children's
22 social and emotional development, and how to access
23 services.

24 (9) Recommendations for creating a quality-driven
25 children's mental health system with shared accountability
26 among key State agencies and programs that conducts

1 ongoing needs assessments, uses outcome indicators and
2 benchmarks to measure progress, and implements quality
3 data tracking and reporting systems.

4 (10) Recommendations for ensuring all Illinois youth
5 receive mental health education and have access to mental
6 health care in the school setting. In developing these
7 recommendations, the Children's Mental Health Partnership
8 created under subsection (b) shall consult with the State
9 Board of Education, education practitioners, including,
10 but not limited to, administrators, regional
11 superintendents of schools, teachers, and school support
12 personnel, health care professionals, including mental
13 health professionals and child health leaders, disability
14 advocates, and other representatives as necessary to
15 ensure the interests of all students are represented.

16 (b) The Children's Mental Health Partnership (hereafter
17 referred to as "the Partnership") is created. The Partnership
18 shall have the responsibility of developing and monitoring the
19 implementation of the Children's Mental Health Plan as
20 approved by the Governor. The Children's Mental Health
21 Partnership shall be comprised of: the Secretary of Human
22 Services or his or her designee; the State Superintendent of
23 Education or his or her designee; the directors of the
24 departments of Children and Family Services, Healthcare and
25 Family Services, Public Health, and Juvenile Justice, or their
26 designees; the head of the Illinois Violence Prevention

1 Authority, or his or her designee; the Attorney General or his
2 or her designee; up to 25 representatives of community mental
3 health authorities and statewide mental health, children and
4 family advocacy, early childhood, education, health, substance
5 abuse, violence prevention, and juvenile justice organizations
6 or associations, to be appointed by the Governor; and 2
7 members of each caucus of the House of Representatives and
8 Senate appointed by the Speaker of the House of
9 Representatives and the President of the Senate, respectively.
10 The Governor shall appoint the Partnership Chair and shall
11 designate a Governor's staff liaison to work with the
12 Partnership.

13 (c) The Partnership shall submit a Preliminary Plan to the
14 Governor on September 30, 2004 and shall submit the Final Plan
15 on June 30, 2005. Thereafter, on September 30 of each year, the
16 Partnership shall submit an annual report to the Governor on
17 the progress of Plan implementation and recommendations for
18 revisions in the Plan. The Final Plan and annual reports
19 submitted in subsequent years shall include estimates of
20 savings achieved in prior fiscal years under subsection (a) of
21 Section 5-5.23 of the Illinois Public Aid Code and federal
22 financial participation received under subsection (b) of
23 Section 5-5.23 of that Code. The Department of Healthcare and
24 Family Services shall provide technical assistance in
25 developing these estimates and reports.

26 (Source: P.A. 94-696, eff. 6-1-06; 95-331, eff. 8-21-07.)

1 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
2 2021.