



102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2021 and 2022

HB2914

Introduced 2/19/2021, by Rep. Mary E. Flowers

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 505/41.5 new

Amends the Children and Family Services Act. Provides that no later than December 31, 2022, and no later than December 31 of each year thereafter, the Department of Children and Family Services shall prepare and submit an annual report, covering the previous fiscal year, to the General Assembly regarding racial disparities for children and families involved in the child welfare system. Provides that the report shall be conducted by a research institution at a public university and must include, at a minimum, the following de-aggregated data by race as compared, where appropriate, to population-level data: (1) education success, health and behavioral health, housing, jobs or economic justice, criminal justice, and other key metrics that serve as indicators of child and family well-being and can measure socioeconomic conditions in communities; and (2) children and families involved in a safety plan, the number of protective custodies, the number of investigations of each type of abuse and neglect allegation described in a specified provision of the Illinois Administrative Code and the findings of such investigations, the number of Department recommended court filings for each allegation type, the number of intakes into the foster care system, placement settings, lengths of stay, and permanency outcomes.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

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 41.5 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 505/41.5 new)

7 Sec. 41.5. Racial disparities reports. Due to the
8 historical reality of the role of government in creating and
9 maintaining racial inequities, no later than December 31,
10 2022, and no later than December 31 of each year thereafter,
11 the Department shall prepare and submit an annual report,
12 covering the previous fiscal year, to the General Assembly
13 regarding racial disparities for children and families
14 involved in the child welfare system. The report shall be
15 conducted by a research institution at a public university and
16 must include, at a minimum, the following data de-aggregated
17 by race as compared, where appropriate, to population-level
18 data:

19 (1) education success, health and behavioral health,
20 housing, jobs or economic justice, criminal justice, and
21 other key metrics that serve as indicators of child and
22 family well-being and can measure socioeconomic conditions
23 in communities; and

1 (2) children and families involved in a safety plan,
2 the number of protective custodies, the number of
3 investigations of each type of abuse and neglect
4 allegation described in 89 Ill. Adm. Code 300.Appendix B
5 and the findings of such investigations, the number of
6 Department recommended court filings for each allegation
7 type, the number of intakes into the foster care system,
8 placement settings, lengths of stay, and permanency
9 outcomes.