



## 102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2021 and 2022

**HB3462**

Introduced 2/22/2021, by Rep. Fred Crespo

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

725 ILCS 115/3.5 new

Amends the Bill of Rights for Children. Provides that every child reported to the Department of Children and Family Services or law enforcement to be a victim of sexual assault or sexual abuse whose case is accepted by either agency for investigation has the right to have that child's forensic interview conducted by a forensic interviewer from a children's advocacy center accredited according to the Children's Advocacy Center Act and serving the child's area, when such service is available. Provides that the right may be asserted by the child or the child's parent or guardian informing the investigating personnel at the Department of Children and Family Services or the law enforcement agency that the parent or guardian wants the child to have the child's interview conducted by the children's advocacy center.

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1 AN ACT concerning criminal law.

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

4 Section 5. The Bill of Rights for Children is amended by  
5 adding Section 3.5 as follows:

6 (725 ILCS 115/3.5 new)

7 Sec. 3.5. Right to forensic interview with children's  
8 advocacy center. Every child reported to the Department of  
9 Children and Family Services or law enforcement to be a victim  
10 of sexual assault or sexual abuse whose case is accepted by  
11 either agency for investigation has the right to have that  
12 child's forensic interview conducted by a forensic interviewer  
13 from a children's advocacy center accredited according to the  
14 Children's Advocacy Center Act and serving the child's area,  
15 when such service is available. This right may be asserted by  
16 the child or the child's parent or guardian informing the  
17 investigating personnel at the Department of Children and  
18 Family Services or the law enforcement agency that the parent  
19 or guardian wants the child to have the child's interview  
20 conducted by the children's advocacy center.