



102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB4011

Introduced 3/4/2021, by Rep. Stephanie A. Kifowit

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

405 ILCS 30/4.3

Amends the Community Services Act. Removes language requiring the Department of Human Services to establish a Family Support Services Voucher Pilot Program and instead requires the Department to coordinate and fund the Voucher Respite Program. Provides that the Voucher Respite Program shall be a subset of specified programs with the exception that administration of the Program shall not be limited to agencies that provide respite services. Provides that the purpose of the Program is to increase the number of families who are able to access respite services; provide families with greater flexibility over services; and prevent or delay the need for more intensive long-term care and support. Makes other conforming changes. Effective July 1, 2021.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning mental health.

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

4 Section 5. The Community Services Act is amended by
5 changing Section 4.3 as follows:

6 (405 ILCS 30/4.3)

7 Sec. 4.3. Voucher Respite Program ~~Family Support Services~~
8 ~~Voucher Pilot Program.~~

9 (a) In this Section:

10 "Family member" means a family member as defined by rules
11 adopted by the Department of Human Services.

12 "Voucher respite services" ~~"Family support services"~~ means
13 the services and activities described in subsection (d).

14 (b) The Department of Human Services shall coordinate and
15 fund the ~~establish a Family Support Services~~ Voucher Respite
16 Pilot Program which shall be a subset ~~conversion~~ of the
17 programs ~~program~~ defined in Section 4.1 with the exception
18 that administration of the Voucher Respite Program shall not
19 be limited to agencies that provide respite services. The
20 Voucher Respite Program may be administered by entities
21 meeting the standards outlined by the Department. The
22 Department shall establish Voucher Respite contracts with
23 community entities throughout the State in order to meet the

1 ~~service needs of families. The Department may establish no~~
2 ~~more than 5 pilot programs.~~

3 (c) The purpose of the Voucher Respite Program ~~the pilot~~
4 ~~program~~ is to do the following:

5 (1) Increase the number of families who are able to
6 access respite ~~family support~~ services.

7 (2) Provide families with greater flexibility ~~control~~
8 over ~~family support~~ services.

9 (3) Ensure that the diverse family support services
10 needs of families can be accommodated.

11 (4) Prevent or delay the need for more intensive
12 long-term care and support. ~~Encourage a family's~~
13 ~~contribution toward payment for the family support~~
14 ~~services they receive.~~

15 (5) (Blank). ~~Serve as a pilot program to evaluate the~~
16 ~~merits of a family support services voucher program in~~
17 ~~comparison to the traditional respite program.~~

18 (d) The Department shall contract with community entities
19 ~~agencies~~ to issue vouchers to participating families, or to
20 employ a voucher-like method that similarly makes services
21 available based on the choice of families. A family may use the
22 vouchers to purchase the following services and activities or
23 to otherwise provide for those services and activities:

24 (1) Services of an in-home caregiver to supervise the
25 family member with a developmental disability in the home
26 or in the community or both when other family members are

1 not present.

2 (2) Services of a person to accompany the family
3 member with a developmental disability on outings,
4 community activities, and similar activities.

5 (3) Registration of the family member with a
6 developmental disability in park district programs,
7 extracurricular school activities, community college
8 classes, and other similar types of community-based
9 programs.

10 (4) Services of home health care personnel if medical
11 training or expertise is required to meet the needs of the
12 family member with a developmental disability.

13 (e) Families may employ the following types of individuals
14 to provide family support services:

15 (1) Related family members who do not reside in the
16 same home as the family member with a developmental
17 disability.

18 (2) Friends or neighbors whom the family designates as
19 capable of meeting the needs of the family member with a
20 developmental disability.

21 (3) Individuals recruited from the community (for
22 example, church members or college students).

23 (4) Individuals who work with the family member with a
24 developmental disability in a different capacity (for
25 example, classroom aide or day program staff).

26 (5) Persons whose services are contracted for through

1 a home health agency licensed under the Home Health, Home
2 Services, and Home Nursing Agency Licensing Act.

3 (f) Voucher respite services ~~Family support services~~
4 moneys under the ~~pilot~~ program may not be used to purchase or
5 provide for any of the following services or activities:

6 (1) Out-of-home medical services.

7 (2) Medical, therapeutic, or developmental
8 evaluations.

9 (3) Any product or item (for example, sports
10 equipment, therapeutic devices, or clothing).

11 (4) Respite ~~Family support~~ services provided by a
12 family member whose primary residence is the same as that
13 of the family member with a developmental disability.

14 (5) Services of a person to accompany the family on an
15 overnight trip.

16 (6) Any service or activity that should be provided by
17 the school in which the family member with a developmental
18 disability is enrolled or that occurs as part of that
19 school's typical school routine.

20 (7) Child care services while the primary caretaker
21 works.

22 (g) (Blank) ~~The Department of Human Services shall submit~~
23 ~~a report to the General Assembly by March 1, 2000 evaluating~~
24 ~~the merits of the pilot program.~~

25 (Source: P.A. 94-379, eff. 1-1-06.)

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

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