



## 102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2021 and 2022

HB5421

Introduced 1/31/2022, by Rep. Jawaharial Williams

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

325 ILCS 5/7.2

from Ch. 23, par. 2057.2

Amends the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act. Provides that notwithstanding any other law or rule to the contrary, whenever a child protective investigator of a Child Protective Service Unit must visit a home or residence to investigate a report of abuse or neglect, at least one local law enforcement officer must accompany the child protective investigator to offer assistance and must remain with the child protective investigator for the duration of the visit until the child protective investigator is safely clear of the home or residence.

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1 AN ACT concerning children.

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

4 Section 5. The Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act is  
5 amended by changing Section 7.2 as follows:

6 (325 ILCS 5/7.2) (from Ch. 23, par. 2057.2)

7 Sec. 7.2. The Department shall establish a Child  
8 Protective Service Unit within each geographic region as  
9 designated by the Director of the Department. The Child  
10 Protective Service Unit shall perform those functions assigned  
11 by this Act to it and only such others that would further the  
12 purposes of this Act. It shall have a sufficient staff of  
13 qualified personnel to fulfill the purpose of this Act and be  
14 organized in such a way as to maximize the continuity of  
15 responsibility, care and service of the individual workers  
16 toward the individual children and families.

17 The Child Protective Service Unit shall designate members  
18 of each unit to receive specialty training to serve as special  
19 consultants to unit staff and the public in the areas of child  
20 sexual abuse, child deaths and injuries, and out-of-home  
21 investigations.

22 Notwithstanding any other law or rule to the contrary,  
23 whenever a child protective investigator of a Child Protective

1 Service Unit must visit a home or residence to investigate a  
2 report of abuse or neglect, at least one local law enforcement  
3 officer must accompany the child protective investigator to  
4 offer assistance and must remain with the child protective  
5 investigator for the duration of the visit until the child  
6 protective investigator is safely clear of the home or  
7 residence. ~~If a child protective investigator of a Child~~  
8 ~~Protective Service Unit is unable to obtain assistance from~~  
9 ~~other unit members when responding to a high risk report of~~  
10 ~~child abuse or neglect and the child protective investigator~~  
11 ~~has a reasonable belief or suspicion that a subject named in~~  
12 ~~the report has the potential for violence, the child~~  
13 ~~protective investigator may request assistance from local law~~  
14 ~~enforcement officers to be provided at a mutually available~~  
15 ~~time.~~ Law enforcement officers shall, upon request, make all  
16 reasonable efforts to assist the child protective investigator  
17 in receiving law enforcement assistance from any other police  
18 jurisdiction that is outside the accompanying officers'  
19 primary jurisdiction.

20 (Source: P.A. 100-625, eff. 7-20-18.)