

SB0348



102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2021 and 2022

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Introduced 2/19/2021, by Sen. Karina Villa

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Commission on the Prevention and Access to Treatment of Addiction Act. Provides that the Commission on the Prevention and Access to Treatment of Addiction is established within, but is not subject to the control of, the Department of Human Services. Provides that the Commission shall work to promote positive mental, emotional, and behavioral health and early intervention for persons with a mental illness, and to prevent substance use disorders among residents of the State. Contains provisions concerning the composition of the Commission and reappointments and vacancies. Provides that the Commission may establish advisory committees to assist its work. Sets forth the duties of the Commission, including: (i) promoting an understanding of the science of prevention, social determinants of health, and trauma-informed care; (ii) making recommendations to the General Assembly that promote behavioral health and prevention issues at the universal, selective, and indicated levels; (iii) hold public hearings and meetings to accept comment from the general public and to seek advice from experts; and other matters. Requires the Commission to submit annual reports to the General Assembly on the state of preventing substance use disorder and promoting behavioral health in Illinois.

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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 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Commission on the Prevention and Access to Treatment of
6 Addiction Act.

7 Section 5. Commission on the Prevention and Access to
8 Treatment of Addiction. The Commission on the Prevention and
9 Access to Treatment of Addiction is established within, but is
10 not subject to the control of, the Department of Human
11 Services. The Commission shall work to promote positive
12 mental, emotional, and behavioral health and early
13 intervention for persons with a mental illness, and to prevent
14 substance use disorders among residents of the State.

15 Section 10. Members. The Commission shall consist of the
16 following members:

17 (1) The Secretary of Human Services, or his or her
18 designee, who shall serve as the chair of the Commission.

19 (2) The Director of Healthcare and Family Services, or
20 his or her designee.

21 (3) The Director of Public Health, or his or her
22 designee.

1 (4) One person appointed by the Speaker of the House
2 of Representatives; one person appointed by the Senate
3 President; one person appointed by the Minority Leader of
4 the House of Representatives; and one person appointed by
5 the Minority Leader of the Senate.

6 (5) One representative, appointed by the Governor,
7 from each of the following organizations:

8 (i) An organization that represents local public
9 health departments in Illinois.

10 (ii) An organization that represents behavioral
11 health clinics and mental health clinics in Illinois.

12 (iii) An organization that represents federally
13 qualified health centers in Illinois.

14 (iv) An organization that represents physicians in
15 Illinois.

16 (vi) An organization that represents hospitals in
17 Illinois.

18 The Governor may appoint up to 7 more members from
19 organizations or experts that the Office of the Governor deems
20 necessary to improve the Commission.

21 Section 15. Reappointment; vacancies. Members of the
22 Commission shall serve for a term of 4 years, without
23 compensation. Any member shall be eligible for reappointment.
24 Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as original
25 appointments and any member so appointed shall serve during

1 the remainder of the term for which the vacancy occurred. Any
2 member who is appointed by the Governor may be removed by the
3 Governor for cause.

4 Section 20. Powers and duties.

5 (a) The Commission may establish advisory committees to
6 assist its work.

7 (b) The Commission shall:

8 (1) promote an understanding of:

9 (A) the science of prevention;

10 (B) population health;

11 (C) risk and protective factors;

12 (D) social determinants of health;

13 (E) evidence-based programming and policymaking;

14 (F) health equity; and

15 (G) trauma-informed care;

16 (2) consult with the Secretary of Human Services on
17 grants from the Division of Substance Use Prevention and
18 Recovery and the Division of Mental Health;

19 (3) make recommendations to the General Assembly that:

20 (A) promote behavioral health and prevention
21 issues at the universal, selective, and indicated
22 levels;

23 (B) strengthen community or State-level promotion
24 and prevention systems;

25 (C) advance the identification, selection, and

1 funding of evidence-based programs, practices, or
2 systems designed to promote behavioral health and
3 early intervention for persons with a mental illness
4 and to prevent substance use disorders; and

5 (D) reduce healthcare and other public costs
6 through evidence-based promotion and prevention;
7 however, the Commission may use State and local
8 prevalence and cost data to ensure Commission
9 recommendations are data-informed and address risks at
10 the universal, selective, and indicated levels of
11 prevention;

12 (4) hold public hearings and meetings to accept
13 comment from the general public and to seek advice from
14 experts, including, but not limited to, those in the
15 fields of neuroscience, public health, behavioral health,
16 education, and prevention science; and

17 (5) submit an annual report to the General Assembly as
18 provided in Section 25 on the state of preventing
19 substance use disorder and promoting behavioral health in
20 Illinois.

21 Section 25. Reporting requirements. Not later than March 1
22 of each year, beginning in calendar year 2022, the Commission
23 shall file a report with the House Committee on Mental Health
24 and the Senate Committee on Human Services on its activities
25 and any recommendations. The Commission shall monitor the

1 implementation of its recommendations and shall update
2 recommendations to reflect current science and evidence-based
3 practices.