

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 5.46 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 505/5.46 new)

7 Sec. 5.46. Extended Family Support Pilot Program. The
8 Department may consult with independent partners to review
9 Extended Family Support Program services and advise if
10 additional services are needed prior to the start of the pilot
11 program required under this Section. Beginning January 1,
12 2023, the Department shall implement a 3-year pilot program of
13 additional resources for families receiving Extended Family
14 Support Program services from the Department for the purpose
15 of supporting relative caregivers. These resources may
16 include, but are not limited to: (i) wraparound case
17 management services, (ii) home visiting services for
18 caregivers with children under the age of 5, and (iii) parent
19 mentors for caregivers with children over the age of 3.

20 The services for the Extended Family Support Program are
21 expanded given the program's inclusion in the Family First
22 Prevention Services Act's targeted populations. Other target
23 populations include intact families, pregnant and parenting

1 youth, reunification within 6 months, and post adoption and
2 subsidized guardianship. Inclusion provides the array of
3 evidence-based interventions included within the State's
4 Family First Prevention Services plan. Funding through Title
5 IV-E of the Social Security Act shall be spent on services to
6 prevent children and youth who are candidates for foster care
7 from coming into care and allow them to remain with their
8 families. Given the inclusion of the Extended Family Support
9 Program in the Family First Prevention Services Act, the
10 program is a part of the independent evaluation of Family
11 First Prevention Services. This includes tracking deflection
12 from foster care.

13 The resources provided by the pilot program are voluntary
14 and refusing such resources shall not be used as evidence of
15 neglect of a child.

16 The Department shall arrange for an independent evaluation
17 of the pilot program to determine whether the pilot program is
18 successfully supporting families receiving Extended Family
19 Support Program services or Family First Prevention Program
20 services and preventing entrance into the foster care system.
21 This evaluation will support determining whether there is a
22 long-term cost benefit to continuing the pilot program.

23 At the end of the 3-year pilot program, the Department
24 shall submit a report to the General Assembly with its
25 findings of the evaluation. The report shall state whether the
26 Department intends to continue the pilot program and the

1 rationale for its decision.

2 The Department may adopt rules and procedures to implement
3 and administer this Section.

4 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
5 becoming law.