

1 AN ACT concerning health.

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

4 Section 5. The Children's Mental Health Act of 2003 is
5 amended by changing Section 5 as follows:

6 (405 ILCS 49/5)

7 Sec. 5. Children's Mental Health Plan.

8 (a) The State of Illinois shall develop a Children's
9 Mental Health Plan containing short-term and long-term
10 recommendations to provide comprehensive, coordinated mental
11 health prevention, early intervention, and treatment services
12 for children from birth through age 18. This Plan shall
13 include but not be limited to:

14 (1) Coordinated provider services and interagency
15 referral networks for children from birth through age 18
16 to maximize resources and minimize duplication of
17 services.

18 (2) Guidelines for incorporating social and emotional
19 development into school learning standards and educational
20 programs, pursuant to Section 15 of this Act.

21 (3) Protocols for implementing screening and
22 assessment of children prior to any admission to an
23 inpatient hospital for psychiatric services, pursuant to

1 subsection (a) of Section 5-5.23 of the Illinois Public
2 Aid Code.

3 (4) Recommendations regarding a State budget for
4 children's mental health prevention, early intervention,
5 and treatment across all State agencies.

6 (5) Recommendations for State and local mechanisms for
7 integrating federal, State, and local funding sources for
8 children's mental health.

9 (6) Recommendations for building a qualified and
10 adequately trained workforce prepared to provide mental
11 health services for children from birth through age 18 and
12 their families.

13 (7) Recommendations for facilitating research on best
14 practices and model programs, and dissemination of this
15 information to Illinois policymakers, practitioners, and
16 the general public through training, technical assistance,
17 and educational materials.

18 (8) Recommendations for a comprehensive, multi-faceted
19 public awareness campaign to reduce the stigma of mental
20 illness and educate families, the general public, and
21 other key audiences about the benefits of children's
22 social and emotional development, and how to access
23 services.

24 (9) Recommendations for creating a quality-driven
25 children's mental health system with shared accountability
26 among key State agencies and programs that conducts

1 ongoing needs assessments, uses outcome indicators and
2 benchmarks to measure progress, and implements quality
3 data tracking and reporting systems.

4 (10) Recommendations for ensuring all Illinois youth
5 receive mental health education and have access to mental
6 health care in the school setting. In developing these
7 recommendations, the Children's Mental Health Partnership
8 created under subsection (b) shall consult with the State
9 Board of Education, education practitioners, including,
10 but not limited to, administrators, regional
11 superintendents of schools, teachers, and school support
12 personnel, health care professionals, including mental
13 health professionals and child health leaders, disability
14 advocates, and other representatives as necessary to
15 ensure the interests of all students are represented.

16 (11) Recommendations on how to more effectively meet
17 the emergency and residential placement needs for all
18 children with severe mental and behavioral challenges.

19 (b) The Children's Mental Health Partnership (hereafter
20 referred to as "the Partnership") is created. The Partnership
21 shall have the responsibility of developing and monitoring the
22 implementation of the Children's Mental Health Plan as
23 approved by the Governor. The Children's Mental Health
24 Partnership shall be comprised of: the Secretary of Human
25 Services or his or her designee; the State Superintendent of
26 Education or his or her designee; the directors of the

1 departments of Children and Family Services, Healthcare and
2 Family Services, Public Health, and Juvenile Justice, or their
3 designees; the head of the Illinois Violence Prevention
4 Authority, or his or her designee; the Attorney General or his
5 or her designee; up to 25 representatives of community mental
6 health authorities and statewide mental health, children and
7 family advocacy, early childhood, education, health, substance
8 abuse, violence prevention, community mental health provider
9 trade organizations, and juvenile justice organizations or
10 associations, to be appointed by the Governor; and 2 members
11 of each caucus of the House of Representatives and Senate
12 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and
13 the President of the Senate, respectively. The Governor shall
14 appoint the Partnership Chair and shall designate a Governor's
15 staff liaison to work with the Partnership.

16 (c) The Partnership shall submit a Preliminary Plan to the
17 Governor on September 30, 2004 and shall submit the Final Plan
18 on June 30, 2005. Thereafter, on September 30 of each year, the
19 Partnership shall submit an annual report to the Governor and
20 the General Assembly on the progress of Plan implementation
21 and recommendations for revisions in the Plan. The Final Plan
22 and annual reports submitted in subsequent years shall include
23 estimates of savings achieved in prior fiscal years under
24 subsection (a) of Section 5-5.23 of the Illinois Public Aid
25 Code and federal financial participation received under
26 subsection (b) of Section 5-5.23 of that Code. The Department

1 of Healthcare and Family Services shall provide technical
2 assistance in developing these estimates and reports.

3 (Source: P.A. 102-16, eff. 6-17-21; 102-116, eff. 7-23-21.)