

1 AN ACT concerning the Department of Juvenile Justice.

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

4 Section 10. The Unified Code of Corrections is amended by
5 changing Sections 3-2.5-15 and 3-2.5-100 as follows:

6 (730 ILCS 5/3-2.5-15)

7 Sec. 3-2.5-15. Department of Juvenile Justice; assumption
8 of duties of the Juvenile Division.

9 (a) The Department of Juvenile Justice shall assume the
10 rights, powers, duties, and responsibilities of the Juvenile
11 Division of the Department of Corrections. Personnel, books,
12 records, property, and unencumbered appropriations pertaining
13 to the Juvenile Division of the Department of Corrections
14 shall be transferred to the Department of Juvenile Justice on
15 the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 94th General
16 Assembly. Any rights of employees or the State under the
17 Personnel Code or any other contract or plan shall be
18 unaffected by this transfer.

19 (b) Department of Juvenile Justice personnel who are hired
20 by the Department on or after the effective date of this
21 amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly and who
22 participate or assist in the rehabilitative and vocational
23 training of delinquent youths, supervise the daily activities

1 involving direct and continuing responsibility for the youth's
2 security, welfare and development, or participate in the
3 personal rehabilitation of delinquent youth by training,
4 supervising, and assisting lower level personnel who perform
5 these duties must: (1) be over the age of 21 and (2) have a
6 high school diploma or equivalent and either (A) a ~~any~~
7 bachelor's or advanced degree from an accredited college or
8 university or (B) 2 or more years of experience providing
9 direct care to youth in the form of residential care,
10 coaching, case management, or mentoring. This requirement
11 shall not apply to security, clerical, food service, and
12 maintenance staff that do not have direct and regular contact
13 with youth. The degree requirements specified in this
14 subsection (b) are not required of persons who provide
15 vocational training and who have adequate knowledge in the
16 skill for which they are providing the vocational training.

17 (c) Subsection (b) of this Section does not apply to
18 personnel transferred to the Department of Juvenile Justice on
19 the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 94th General
20 Assembly.

21 (d) The Department shall be under the direction of the
22 Director of Juvenile Justice as provided in this Code.

23 (e) The Director shall organize divisions within the
24 Department and shall assign functions, powers, duties, and
25 personnel as required by law. The Director may create other
26 divisions and may assign other functions, powers, duties, and

1 personnel as may be necessary or desirable to carry out the
2 functions and responsibilities vested by law in the
3 Department. The Director may, with the approval of the Office
4 of the Governor, assign to and share functions, powers,
5 duties, and personnel with other State agencies such that
6 administrative services and administrative facilities are
7 provided by a shared administrative service center. Where
8 possible, shared services which impact youth should be done
9 with child-serving agencies. These administrative services may
10 include, but are not limited to, all of the following
11 functions: budgeting, accounting related functions, auditing,
12 human resources, legal, procurement, training, data collection
13 and analysis, information technology, internal investigations,
14 intelligence, legislative services, emergency response
15 capability, statewide transportation services, and general
16 office support.

17 (f) The Department of Juvenile Justice may enter into
18 intergovernmental cooperation agreements under which minors
19 adjudicated delinquent and committed to the Department of
20 Juvenile Justice may participate in county juvenile impact
21 incarceration programs established under Section 3-6039 of the
22 Counties Code.

23 (g) The Department of Juvenile Justice must comply with
24 the ethnic and racial background data collection procedures
25 provided in Section 4.5 of the Criminal Identification Act.

26 (h) The Department of Juvenile Justice shall implement a

1 wellness program to support health and wellbeing among staff
2 and service providers within the Department of Juvenile
3 Justice environment. The Department of Juvenile Justice shall
4 establish response teams to provide support to employees and
5 staff affected by events that are both duty-related and not
6 duty-related and provide training to response team members.
7 The Department's wellness program shall be accessible to any
8 Department employee or service provider, including contractual
9 employees and approved volunteers. The wellness program may
10 include information sharing, education and activities designed
11 to support health and well-being within the Department's
12 environment. Access to wellness response team support shall be
13 voluntary and remain confidential.

14 (Source: P.A. 102-616, eff. 1-1-22.)

15 (730 ILCS 5/3-2.5-100)

16 Sec. 3-2.5-100. Length of aftercare release; discharge.

17 (a) The aftercare release term of a youth committed to the
18 Department under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 shall be as set
19 out in Section 5-750 of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987, unless
20 sooner terminated under subsection (b) of this Section, as
21 otherwise provided by law, or as ordered by the court. The
22 aftercare release term of youth committed to the Department as
23 a habitual or violent juvenile offender under Section 5-815 or
24 5-820 of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 shall continue until
25 the youth's 21st birthday unless sooner terminated under

1 subsection (c) of this Section, as otherwise provided by law,
2 or as ordered by the court.

3 (b) Provided that the youth is in compliance with the
4 terms and conditions of his or her aftercare release, the
5 Department of Juvenile Justice may reduce the period of a
6 releasee's aftercare release by 90 days upon the releasee
7 receiving a high school diploma or upon passage of high school
8 equivalency testing during the period of his or her aftercare
9 release. This reduction in the period of a youth's term of
10 aftercare release shall be available only to youth who have
11 not previously earned a high school diploma or who have not
12 previously passed high school equivalency testing.

13 (c) The Department of Juvenile Justice may discharge a
14 youth from aftercare release and his or her commitment to the
15 Department in accordance with subsection (3) of Section 5-750
16 of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987, if it determines that he or
17 she is likely to remain at liberty without committing another
18 offense.

19 (d) Upon the discharge of a youth, the Department may
20 continue to provide services to the youth for up to 12 months
21 to allow the youth to participate in vocational,
22 rehabilitative, or supportive programs. The continuance of
23 services may be requested by the youth, the youth's parent or
24 guardian, or the Director of Juvenile Justice.

25 (Source: P.A. 99-628, eff. 1-1-17.)

26 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon

1 becoming law.