



103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2023 and 2024

HB2775

Introduced 2/16/2023, by Rep. Cyril Nichols

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 1305/1-75 new

Amends the Department of Human Services Act. Requires the Department of Human Services to establish and administer an Inform House Grant Program to provide grants to community-based organizations that provide rehabilitative and educational services to youth involved in the criminal justice system and that have the accommodations to provide the following residential and academic services: (1) single occupancy rooms that are equipped with a private bathroom, bed, dresser, closet, window, and door without a lock; (2) a weekly meal plan consisting of 3 nutritionally balanced meals a day with a plant-based option; and (3) on-site educational programs and tutoring to assist youth in meeting the State criteria for high school graduation or for earning a high school equivalency certificate. Provides that the educational programs must include aptitude assessments to determine a youth's academic competency levels with follow-up course work that is tailored to the youth's specific academic needs. Requires the educational programs to also sufficiently prepare youth for postsecondary education by providing high-quality instruction in the following subject areas: (i) reading comprehension; (ii) writing and composition; (iii) mathematics; and (iv) any other subject areas to help youth eliminate any educational gaps or deficiencies. Permits the Department to award up to \$5,000,000 in grant money to qualifying community-based organizations and to adopt any rules necessary to implement the program.

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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 Department of Human Services Act is amended
5 by adding Section 1-85 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 1305/1-85 new)

7 Sec. 1-85. Inform House Grant Program.

8 (a) The Department of Human Services shall establish and
9 administer an Inform House Grant Program to provide grants to
10 community-based organizations that provide rehabilitative and
11 educational services to youth involved in the criminal justice
12 system and that have the accommodations to provide the
13 following residential and academic services:

14 (1) Single occupancy rooms that are equipped with a
15 private bathroom, bed, dresser, closet, window, and door
16 without a lock.

17 (2) A weekly meal plan consisting of 3 nutritionally
18 balanced meals a day with a plant-based option.

19 (3) On-site educational programs and tutoring to
20 assist youth in meeting the State criteria for high school
21 graduation or for earning a high school equivalency
22 certificate. The educational programs must include
23 aptitude assessments to determine a youth's academic

1 competency levels with follow-up course work that is
2 tailored to the youth's specific academic needs. The
3 educational programs must also sufficiently prepare youth
4 for postsecondary education by providing high-quality
5 instruction in the following subject areas:

6 (A) reading comprehension;

7 (B) writing and composition;

8 (C) mathematics; and

9 (D) any other subject areas to help youth

10 eliminate any educational gaps or deficiencies.

11 (b) The Department may award up to \$5,000,000 in grant
12 money to qualifying community-based organizations. To obtain a
13 grant under the program, community-based organizations must
14 apply to the Department in a form and manner prescribed by the
15 Department. The Department may adopt any rules necessary to
16 implement the program.