

HB4897



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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 505/4a

from Ch. 23, par. 5004a

Amends the Children and Family Services Act. Removes a provision permitting the Department of Children and Family Services to fund outside agencies that contract with the Department to operate child abuse prevention shelters and service programs if the shelters certify a 20% financial match for operating expenses.

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A BILL FOR

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 changing Section 4a as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 505/4a) (from Ch. 23, par. 5004a)

7 Sec. 4a. (a) To administer child abuse prevention shelters
8 and service programs for abused and neglected children, or
9 provide for their administration by not-for-profit
10 corporations, community-based organizations or units of local
11 government.

12 The Department is hereby designated the single State
13 agency for planning and coordination of child abuse and
14 neglect prevention programs and services. On or before the
15 first Friday in October of each year, the Department shall
16 submit to the Governor and the General Assembly a State
17 comprehensive child abuse and neglect prevention plan. The
18 plan shall: identify priorities, goals and objectives;
19 identify the resources necessary to implement the plan,
20 including estimates of resources needed to investigate or
21 otherwise process reports of suspected child abuse or neglect
22 and to provide necessary follow-up services for child
23 protection, family preservation and family reunification in

1 "indicated" cases as determined under the Abused and Neglected
2 Child Reporting Act; make proposals for the most effective use
3 of existing resources to implement the plan, including
4 recommendations for the optimum use of private, local public,
5 State and federal resources; and propose strategies for the
6 development of additional resources to meet the goal of
7 reducing the incidence of child abuse and neglect and reducing
8 the number of reports of suspected child abuse and neglect
9 made to the Department.

10 (b) The administration of child abuse prevention, shelters
11 and service programs under subsection (a) shall be funded in
12 part by appropriations made from the Child Abuse Prevention
13 Fund, which is hereby created in the State Treasury, and in
14 part by appropriations from the General Revenue Fund. All
15 interest earned on monies in the Child Abuse Prevention Fund
16 shall remain in such fund. The Department and the State
17 Treasurer may accept funds as provided by Sections 507 and 508
18 of the Illinois Income Tax Act and unsolicited private
19 donations for deposit into the Child Abuse Prevention Fund.
20 Annual requests for appropriations for the purpose of
21 providing child abuse and neglect prevention programs and
22 services under this Section shall be made in separate and
23 distinct line-items. In setting priorities for the direction
24 and scope of such programs, the Director shall be advised by
25 the State-wide Citizen's Committee on Child Abuse and Neglect.

26 (c) (Blank). ~~Where the Department contracts with outside~~

1 ~~agencies to operate the shelters or programs, such outside~~
2 ~~agencies may receive funding from the Department, except that~~
3 ~~the shelters must certify a 20% financial match for operating~~
4 ~~expenses of their programs. In selecting the outside agencies~~
5 ~~to administer child shelters and service programs, and in~~
6 ~~allocating funds for such agencies, the Department shall give~~
7 ~~priority to new and existing shelters or programs offering the~~
8 ~~broadest range of services to the community served.~~

9 (d) The Department shall have the power to make grants of
10 monies to fund comprehensive community-based services to
11 reduce the incidence of family dysfunction typified by child
12 abuse and neglect; to diminish those factors found to increase
13 family dysfunction; and to measure the effectiveness and costs
14 of such services.

15 (e) For implementing such intergovernmental cooperation
16 and involvement, units of local government and public and
17 private agencies may apply for and receive federal or State
18 funds from the Department under this Act or seek and receive
19 gifts from local philanthropic or other private local sources
20 in order to augment any State funds appropriated for the
21 purposes of this Act.

22 (e-5) The Department may establish and maintain locally
23 held funds to be individually known as the Youth in Care
24 Support Fund. Moneys in these funds shall be used for
25 purchases for the immediate needs of youth in care or for the
26 immediate support needs of youth, families, and caregivers

1 served by the Department. Moneys paid into funds shall be from
2 appropriations made to the DCFS Children's Services Fund.
3 Funds remaining in any Youth in Care Support Fund must be
4 returned to the DCFS Children's Services Fund upon
5 dissolution. Any warrant for payment to a vendor for the same
6 product or service for a youth in care shall be payable to the
7 Department to reimburse the immediate payment from the Youth
8 in Care Support Fund.

9 (f) For the purposes of this Section:

10 (1) The terms "abused child" and "neglected child"
11 have meanings ascribed to them in Section 3 of the Abused
12 and Neglected Child Reporting Act.

13 (2) "Shelter" has the meaning ascribed to it in
14 Section 1-3 of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987.

15 (Source: P.A. 103-259, eff. 1-1-24.)