

1 AN ACT concerning child welfare services.

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
5 amended by adding Section 10-26 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 1305/10-26 new)

7 Sec. 10-26. Child care provider training.

8 (a) The Department of Human Services, through the Child
9 Care Resource and Referral Program, must expand current
10 education and training for child care providers to include a
11 program that will educate child care providers concerning:

12 (1) the importance of healthy brain development in
13 the first 3 years of a child's life;

14 (2) the identification of risk factors and
15 behaviors that indicate that a child needs special
16 education or mental health services; and

17 (3) how to provide parents with appropriate
18 information regarding support or intervention services
19 available for suspected special needs or for the
20 behaviors identified in subsection (2).

21 (b) Training available from the Child Care Resource and
22 Referral Program shall include the topics in subsection (a).
23 Participation in the training is voluntary and child care
24 providers are subject to a fee for attending the program.

25 (c) The Department of Human Services may adopt any rules
26 necessary to implement this Section.

27 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
28 becoming law.