



**94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
**State of Illinois**  
**2005 and 2006**  
**HB1388**

Introduced 2/9/2005, by Rep. Patricia R. Bellock

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

405 ILCS 49/5

Amends the Children's Mental Health Act of 2003. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning a children's mental health plan.

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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 ~~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 include  
13 but not be limited to:

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

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

20 (3) Protocols for implementing screening and  
21 assessment of children prior to any admission to an  
22 inpatient hospital for psychiatric services, pursuant to  
23 subsection (a) of Section 5-5.23 of the Illinois Public Aid  
24 Code.

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

28 (5) Recommendations for State and local mechanisms for  
29 integrating federal, State, and local funding sources for  
30 children's mental health.

31 (6) Recommendations for building a qualified and  
32 adequately trained workforce prepared to provide mental

1 health services for children from birth through age 18 and  
2 their families.

3 (7) Recommendations for facilitating research on best  
4 practices and model programs, and dissemination of this  
5 information to Illinois policymakers, practitioners, and  
6 the general public through training, technical assistance,  
7 and educational materials.

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

13 (9) Recommendations for creating a quality-driven  
14 children's mental health system with shared accountability  
15 among key State agencies and programs that conducts ongoing  
16 needs assessments, uses outcome indicators and benchmarks  
17 to measure progress, and implements quality data tracking  
18 and reporting systems.

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 approved  
23 by the Governor. The Children's Mental Health Partnership shall  
24 be comprised of: the Secretary of Human Services or his or her  
25 designee; the State Superintendent of Education or his or her  
26 designee; the directors of the departments of Children and  
27 Family Services, Public Aid, Public Health, and Corrections, or  
28 their designees; the head of the Illinois Violence Prevention  
29 Authority, or his or her designee; the Attorney General or his  
30 or her designee; up to 25 representatives of community mental  
31 health authorities and statewide mental health, children and  
32 family advocacy, early childhood, education, health, substance  
33 abuse, violence prevention, and juvenile justice organizations  
34 or associations, to be appointed by the Governor; and 2 members  
35 of each caucus of the House of Representatives and Senate  
36 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and

1 the President of the Senate, respectively. The Governor shall  
2 appoint the Partnership Chair and shall designate a Governor's  
3 staff liaison to work with the Partnership.

4 (c) The Partnership shall submit a Preliminary Plan to the  
5 Governor on September 30, 2004 and shall submit the Final Plan  
6 on June 30, 2005. Thereafter, on September 30 of each year, the  
7 Partnership shall submit an annual report to the Governor on  
8 the progress of Plan implementation and recommendations for  
9 revisions in the Plan. The Final Plan and annual reports  
10 submitted in subsequent years shall include estimates of  
11 savings achieved in prior fiscal years under subsection (a) of  
12 Section 5-5.23 of the Illinois Public Aid Code and federal  
13 financial participation received under subsection (b) of  
14 Section 5-5.23 of that Code. The Department of Public Aid shall  
15 provide technical assistance in developing these estimates and  
16 reports.

17 (Source: P.A. 93-495, eff. 8-8-03.)