

1 AN ACT concerning courts.

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

4 Section 5. The Juvenile Court Act of 1987 is amended by  
5 changing Sections 1-3, 2-3 and 2-4 as follows:

6 (705 ILCS 405/1-3) (from Ch. 37, par. 801-3)

7 Sec. 1-3. Definitions. Terms used in this Act, unless the  
8 context otherwise requires, have the following meanings  
9 ascribed to them:

10 (1) "Adjudicatory hearing" means a hearing to determine  
11 whether the allegations of a petition under Section 2-13, 3-15  
12 or 4-12 that a minor under 18 years of age is abused, neglected  
13 or dependent, or requires authoritative intervention, or  
14 addicted, respectively, are supported by a preponderance of the  
15 evidence or whether the allegations of a petition under Section  
16 5-520 that a minor is delinquent are proved beyond a reasonable  
17 doubt.

18 (2) "Adult" means a person 21 years of age or older.

19 (3) "Agency" means a public or private child care facility  
20 legally authorized or licensed by this State for placement or  
21 institutional care or for both placement and institutional  
22 care.

23 (4) "Association" means any organization, public or

1 private, engaged in welfare functions which include services to  
2 or on behalf of children but does not include "agency" as  
3 herein defined.

4 (4.05) Whenever a "best interest" determination is  
5 required, the following factors shall be considered in the  
6 context of the child's age and developmental needs:

7 (a) the physical safety and welfare of the child,  
8 including food, shelter, health, and clothing;

9 (b) the development of the child's identity;

10 (c) the child's background and ties, including  
11 familial, cultural, and religious;

12 (d) the child's sense of attachments, including:

13 (i) where the child actually feels love,  
14 attachment, and a sense of being valued (as opposed to  
15 where adults believe the child should feel such love,  
16 attachment, and a sense of being valued);

17 (ii) the child's sense of security;

18 (iii) the child's sense of familiarity;

19 (iv) continuity of affection for the child;

20 (v) the least disruptive placement alternative for  
21 the child;

22 (e) the child's wishes and long-term goals;

23 (f) the child's community ties, including church,  
24 school, and friends;

25 (g) the child's need for permanence which includes the  
26 child's need for stability and continuity of relationships

1 with parent figures and with siblings and other relatives;

2 (h) the uniqueness of every family and child;

3 (i) the risks attendant to entering and being in  
4 substitute care; and

5 (j) the preferences of the persons available to care  
6 for the child.

7 (4.1) "Chronic truant" shall have the definition ascribed  
8 to it in Section 26-2a of the School Code.

9 (5) "Court" means the circuit court in a session or  
10 division assigned to hear proceedings under this Act.

11 (6) "Dispositional hearing" means a hearing to determine  
12 whether a minor should be adjudged to be a ward of the court,  
13 and to determine what order of disposition should be made in  
14 respect to a minor adjudged to be a ward of the court.

15 (7) "Emancipated minor" means any minor 16 years of age or  
16 over who has been completely or partially emancipated under the  
17 Emancipation of Minors Act or under this Act.

18 (8) "Guardianship of the person" of a minor means the duty  
19 and authority to act in the best interests of the minor,  
20 subject to residual parental rights and responsibilities, to  
21 make important decisions in matters having a permanent effect  
22 on the life and development of the minor and to be concerned  
23 with his or her general welfare. It includes but is not  
24 necessarily limited to:

25 (a) the authority to consent to marriage, to enlistment  
26 in the armed forces of the United States, or to a major

1 medical, psychiatric, and surgical treatment; to represent  
2 the minor in legal actions; and to make other decisions of  
3 substantial legal significance concerning the minor;

4 (b) the authority and duty of reasonable visitation,  
5 except to the extent that these have been limited in the  
6 best interests of the minor by court order;

7 (c) the rights and responsibilities of legal custody  
8 except where legal custody has been vested in another  
9 person or agency; and

10 (d) the power to consent to the adoption of the minor,  
11 but only if expressly conferred on the guardian in  
12 accordance with Section 2-29, 3-30, or 4-27.

13 (9) "Legal custody" means the relationship created by an  
14 order of court in the best interests of the minor which imposes  
15 on the custodian the responsibility of physical possession of a  
16 minor and the duty to protect, train and discipline him and to  
17 provide him with food, shelter, education and ordinary medical  
18 care, except as these are limited by residual parental rights  
19 and responsibilities and the rights and responsibilities of the  
20 guardian of the person, if any.

21 (9.1) "Mentally capable adult relative" means a person 21  
22 years of age or older who is not suffering from a mental  
23 illness that prevents him or her from providing the care  
24 necessary to safeguard the physical safety and welfare of a  
25 minor who is left in that person's care by the parent or  
26 parents or other person responsible for the minor's welfare.

1           (10) "Minor" means a person under the age of 21 years  
2 subject to this Act.

3           (11) "Parent" means the father or mother of a child and  
4 includes any adoptive parent. It also includes a man (i) whose  
5 paternity is presumed or has been established under the law of  
6 this or another jurisdiction or (ii) who has registered with  
7 the Putative Father Registry in accordance with Section 12.1 of  
8 the Adoption Act and whose paternity has not been ruled out  
9 under the law of this or another jurisdiction. It does not  
10 include a parent whose rights in respect to the minor have been  
11 terminated in any manner provided by law.

12           (11.1) "Permanency goal" means a goal set by the court as  
13 defined in subdivision (2) of Section 2-28.

14           (11.2) "Permanency hearing" means a hearing to set the  
15 permanency goal and to review and determine (i) the  
16 appropriateness of the services contained in the plan and  
17 whether those services have been provided, (ii) whether  
18 reasonable efforts have been made by all the parties to the  
19 service plan to achieve the goal, and (iii) whether the plan  
20 and goal have been achieved.

21           (12) "Petition" means the petition provided for in Section  
22 2-13, 3-15, 4-12 or 5-520, including any supplemental petitions  
23 thereunder in Section 3-15, 4-12 or 5-520.

24           (12.1) "Physically capable adult relative" means a person  
25 21 years of age or older who does not have a severe physical  
26 disability or medical condition, or is not suffering from

1 alcoholism or drug addiction, that prevents him or her from  
2 providing the care necessary to safeguard the physical safety  
3 and welfare of a minor who is left in that person's care by the  
4 parent or parents or other person responsible for the minor's  
5 welfare.

6 (13) "Residual parental rights and responsibilities" means  
7 those rights and responsibilities remaining with the parent  
8 after the transfer of legal custody or guardianship of the  
9 person, including, but not necessarily limited to, the right to  
10 reasonable visitation (which may be limited by the court in the  
11 best interests of the minor as provided in subsection (8) (b) of  
12 this Section), the right to consent to adoption, the right to  
13 determine the minor's religious affiliation, and the  
14 responsibility for his support.

15 (14) "Shelter" means the temporary care of a minor in  
16 physically unrestricting facilities pending court disposition  
17 or execution of court order for placement.

18 (15) "Station adjustment" means the informal handling of an  
19 alleged offender by a juvenile police officer.

20 (16) "Ward of the court" means a minor who is so adjudged  
21 under Section 2-22, 3-23, 4-20 or 5-705, after a finding of the  
22 requisite jurisdictional facts, and thus is subject to the  
23 dispositional powers of the court under this Act.

24 (17) "Juvenile police officer" means a sworn police officer  
25 who has completed a Basic Recruit Training Course, has been  
26 assigned to the position of juvenile police officer by his or

1 her chief law enforcement officer and has completed the  
2 necessary juvenile officers training as prescribed by the  
3 Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board, or in the  
4 case of a State police officer, juvenile officer training  
5 approved by the Director of the Department of State Police.

6 (18) "Secure child care facility" means any child care  
7 facility licensed by the Department of Children and Family  
8 Services to provide secure living arrangements for children  
9 under 18 years of age who are subject to placement in  
10 facilities under the Children and Family Services Act and who  
11 are not subject to placement in facilities for whom standards  
12 are established by the Department of Corrections under Section  
13 3-15-2 of the Unified Code of Corrections. "Secure child care  
14 facility" also means a facility that is designed and operated  
15 to ensure that all entrances and exits from the facility, a  
16 building, or a distinct part of the building are under the  
17 exclusive control of the staff of the facility, whether or not  
18 the child has the freedom of movement within the perimeter of  
19 the facility, building, or distinct part of the building.

20 (Source: P.A. 95-331, eff. 8-21-07.)

21 (705 ILCS 405/2-3) (from Ch. 37, par. 802-3)

22 Sec. 2-3. Neglected or abused minor.

23 (1) Those who are neglected include:

24 (a) any minor under 18 years of age who is not  
25 receiving the proper or necessary support, education as

1 required by law, or medical or other remedial care  
2 recognized under State law as necessary for a minor's  
3 well-being, or other care necessary for his or her  
4 well-being, including adequate food, clothing and shelter,  
5 or who is abandoned by his or her parent or parents or  
6 other person or persons responsible for the minor's  
7 welfare, except that a minor shall not be considered  
8 neglected for the sole reason that the minor's parent or  
9 parents or other person or persons responsible for the  
10 minor's welfare have ~~has~~ left the minor in the care of an  
11 adult relative for any period of time, who the parent or  
12 parents or other person responsible for the minor's welfare  
13 know is both a mentally capable adult relative and  
14 physically capable adult relative, as defined by this Act;  
15 or

16 (b) any minor under 18 years of age whose environment  
17 is injurious to his or her welfare; or

18 (c) any newborn infant whose blood, urine, or meconium  
19 contains any amount of a controlled substance as defined in  
20 subsection (f) of Section 102 of the Illinois Controlled  
21 Substances Act, as now or hereafter amended, or a  
22 metabolite of a controlled substance, with the exception of  
23 controlled substances or metabolites of such substances,  
24 the presence of which in the newborn infant is the result  
25 of medical treatment administered to the mother or the  
26 newborn infant; or



1 (d) any minor under the age of 14 years whose parent or  
2 other person responsible for the minor's welfare leaves the  
3 minor without supervision for an unreasonable period of  
4 time without regard for the mental or physical health,  
5 safety, or welfare of that minor; or

6 (e) any minor who has been provided with interim crisis  
7 intervention services under Section 3-5 of this Act and  
8 whose parent, guardian, or custodian refuses to permit the  
9 minor to return home unless the minor is an immediate  
10 physical danger to himself, herself, or others living in  
11 the home.

12 Whether the minor was left without regard for the mental or  
13 physical health, safety, or welfare of that minor or the period  
14 of time was unreasonable shall be determined by considering the  
15 following factors, including but not limited to:

16 (1) the age of the minor;

17 (2) the number of minors left at the location;

18 (3) special needs of the minor, including whether the  
19 minor is physically or mentally handicapped, or otherwise  
20 in need of ongoing prescribed medical treatment such as  
21 periodic doses of insulin or other medications;

22 (4) the duration of time in which the minor was left  
23 without supervision;

24 (5) the condition and location of the place where the  
25 minor was left without supervision;

26 (6) the time of day or night when the minor was left

1 without supervision;

2 (7) the weather conditions, including whether the  
3 minor was left in a location with adequate protection from  
4 the natural elements such as adequate heat or light;

5 (8) the location of the parent or guardian at the time  
6 the minor was left without supervision, the physical  
7 distance the minor was from the parent or guardian at the  
8 time the minor was without supervision;

9 (9) whether the minor's movement was restricted, or the  
10 minor was otherwise locked within a room or other  
11 structure;

12 (10) whether the minor was given a phone number of a  
13 person or location to call in the event of an emergency and  
14 whether the minor was capable of making an emergency call;

15 (11) whether there was food and other provision left  
16 for the minor;

17 (12) whether any of the conduct is attributable to  
18 economic hardship or illness and the parent, guardian or  
19 other person having physical custody or control of the  
20 child made a good faith effort to provide for the health  
21 and safety of the minor;

22 (13) the age and physical and mental capabilities of  
23 the person or persons who provided supervision for the  
24 minor;

25 (14) whether the minor was left under the supervision  
26 of another person;

1           (15) any other factor that would endanger the health  
2           and safety of that particular minor.

3           A minor shall not be considered neglected for the sole  
4           reason that the minor has been relinquished in accordance with  
5           the Abandoned Newborn Infant Protection Act.

6           (2) Those who are abused include any minor under 18 years  
7           of age whose parent or immediate family member, or any person  
8           responsible for the minor's welfare, or any person who is in  
9           the same family or household as the minor, or any individual  
10          residing in the same home as the minor, or a paramour of the  
11          minor's parent:

12           (i) inflicts, causes to be inflicted, or allows to be  
13           inflicted upon such minor physical injury, by other than  
14           accidental means, which causes death, disfigurement,  
15           impairment of physical or emotional health, or loss or  
16           impairment of any bodily function;

17           (ii) creates a substantial risk of physical injury to  
18           such minor by other than accidental means which would be  
19           likely to cause death, disfigurement, impairment of  
20           emotional health, or loss or impairment of any bodily  
21           function;

22           (iii) commits or allows to be committed any sex offense  
23           against such minor, as such sex offenses are defined in the  
24           Criminal Code of 1961, as amended, and extending those  
25           definitions of sex offenses to include minors under 18  
26           years of age;

1           (iv) commits or allows to be committed an act or acts  
2           of torture upon such minor; or

3           (v) inflicts excessive corporal punishment.

4           A minor shall not be considered abused for the sole reason  
5           that the minor has been relinquished in accordance with the  
6           Abandoned Newborn Infant Protection Act.

7           (3) This Section does not apply to a minor who would be  
8           included herein solely for the purpose of qualifying for  
9           financial assistance for himself, his parents, guardian or  
10          custodian.

11          (Source: P.A. 95-443, eff. 1-1-08.)

12          (705 ILCS 405/2-4) (from Ch. 37, par. 802-4)

13          Sec. 2-4. Dependent minor.

14          (1) Those who are dependent include any minor under 18  
15          years of age:

16               (a) who is without a parent, guardian or legal  
17               custodian;

18               (b) who is without proper care because of the physical  
19               or mental disability of his parent, guardian or custodian;

20               (c) who is without proper medical or other remedial  
21               care recognized under State law or other care necessary for  
22               his or her well being through no fault, neglect or lack of  
23               concern by his parents, guardian or custodian, provided  
24               that no order may be made terminating parental rights, nor  
25               may a minor be removed from the custody of his or her

1 parents for longer than 6 months, pursuant to an  
2 adjudication as a dependent minor under this subdivision  
3 (c), unless it is found to be in his or her best interest  
4 by the court or the case automatically closes as provided  
5 under Section 2-31 of this Act; or

6 (d) who has a parent, guardian or legal custodian who  
7 with good cause wishes to be relieved of all residual  
8 parental rights and responsibilities, guardianship or  
9 custody, and who desires the appointment of a guardian of  
10 the person with power to consent to the adoption of the  
11 minor under Section 2-29.

12 (2) This Section does not apply to a minor who would be  
13 included herein solely for the purpose of qualifying for  
14 financial assistance for himself, his parent or parents,  
15 guardian or custodian or to a minor solely because his or her  
16 parent or parents or guardian has left the minor for any period  
17 of time in the care of an adult relative, who the parent or  
18 parents or guardian know is both a mentally capable adult  
19 relative and physically capable adult relative, as defined by  
20 this Act.

21 (Source: P.A. 91-357, eff. 7-29-99.)

22 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
23 becoming law.