

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 adding Section 21.2 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 505/21.2 new)

7 Sec. 21.2. Child welfare training academy.

8 Subject to appropriations, the Department shall establish  
9 within its operations a child welfare training academy for  
10 child protective investigators and supervisors employed by the  
11 Department.

12 The training efforts of the child welfare training academy  
13 shall include, but shall not be limited to, establishing:

14 (1) training curricula on recognizing and responding  
15 to cases of child abuse or neglect;

16 (2) cultural competency training that provides tools  
17 and other supports to ensure that a child welfare  
18 provider's response to and engagement with families and  
19 children of color are conducted or provided in a manner  
20 that is responsive to the beliefs, interpersonal styles,  
21 attitudes, language, and behaviors of the individuals who  
22 are receiving services, and are conducted or provided in a  
23 manner that has the greatest likelihood of ensuring maximum

1 success of or participation in the child welfare program or  
2 services being provided;

3 (3) laboratory training facilities that include mock  
4 houses, mock medical facilities, mock courtrooms, and mock  
5 forensic interview rooms that allow for simulated,  
6 interactive, and intensive training; and

7 (4) minimum standards of competence that a person shall  
8 be required to demonstrate prior to receiving  
9 certification from the Department.

10 By January 1, 2016, the Department shall adopt rules for  
11 the administration of the child welfare training academy that  
12 not only establish statewide competence, assessment, and  
13 training standards for persons providing child welfare  
14 services, but that also ensure that persons who provide child  
15 welfare services have the knowledge, skills, professionalism,  
16 and abilities to make decisions that keep children safe and  
17 secure.

18 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
19 becoming law.