

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 1. The Children and Family Services Act is amended
5 by adding Section 39.4 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 505/39.4 new)

7 Sec. 39.4. Child Death Investigation Task Force. The
8 Department of Children and Family Services may, from funds
9 appropriated by the Illinois General Assembly to the Department
10 of Children and Family Services, or from funds that may
11 otherwise be provided for this purpose from other public or
12 private sources, establish in the Southern Region of the State,
13 as designated by the Department of Children and Family
14 Services, a special Child Death Investigation Task Force to
15 develop and implement a plan for the investigation of sudden,
16 unexpected, or unexplained child fatalities or near fatalities
17 for children under 18 years of age occurring within that
18 region. The plan shall include a protocol to be followed. The
19 plan must include provisions for local or State law enforcement
20 agencies, hospitals, or coroners to promptly notify the Task
21 Force of a sudden, unexpected, or unexplained child fatality or
22 near fatality of a child, and for the Child Death Investigation
23 Task Force to review the death and submit a report containing

1 findings and recommendations to the Child Death Review Teams
2 Executive Council, the Director of Public Health, the Director
3 of Children and Family Services, the Department of Children and
4 Family Services Inspector General, the appropriate State's
5 Attorney, and the State Representative and State Senator in
6 whose legislative districts the case arose. The plan may
7 include coordination with any investigation conducted under
8 the Children's Advocacy Center Act. On July 1 of each year, the
9 Task Force shall submit a report to the Director of Children
10 and Family Services, the General Assembly, and the Governor
11 summarizing the results of the program together with any
12 recommendations for statewide implementation of a protocol for
13 the investigation of all sudden, unexpected, or unexplained
14 child fatalities or near fatalities.

15 Section 5. The Child Death Review Team Act is amended by
16 adding Section 50 as follows:

17 (20 ILCS 515/50 new)

18 Sec. 50. Child Death Review Team Transfer Task Force.

19 (a) The Child Death Review Team Transfer Task Force is
20 created within the Department of Children and Family Services
21 to develop an implementation plan to effectuate the transfer of
22 the administration of all child death review teams from the
23 Department of Children and Family Services to the Department of
24 Public Health. The implementation plan shall provide for the

1 complete transfer of all child death review teams to the
2 Department of Public Health by July 1, 2018.

3 (b) The Task Force shall be co-chaired by the Director of
4 Children and Family Services and the Director of Public Health
5 and shall consist of the following members appointed as
6 follows:

7 (1) One project manager appointed by the Director of
8 Children and Family Services.

9 (2) One pediatrician knowledgeable about child abuse
10 and neglect appointed by the Director of Children and
11 Family Services.

12 (3) One forensic pathologist appointed by the Director
13 of Public Health.

14 The Director of Children and Family Services and the
15 Director of Public Health may each appoint additional members
16 as necessary to carry out the functions of the Task Force.

17 (c) Members of the Task Force shall serve without
18 compensation. Any vacancy occurring in the membership of the
19 Task Force shall be filled in the same manner as the original
20 appointment.

21 (d) The Department of Children and Family Services shall
22 provide administrative support to the Task Force.

23 (e) The Task Force is abolished and this Section is
24 repealed on July 1, 2018.

1 Section 15. The Child Death Review Team Act is amended by
2 repealing Section 45.