

AN ACT concerning the Department of Juvenile Justice.

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

Section 10. The Unified Code of Corrections is amended by changing Sections 3-2.5-15 and 3-2.5-100 as follows:

(730 ILCS 5/3-2.5-15)

Sec. 3-2.5-15. Department of Juvenile Justice; assumption of duties of the Juvenile Division.

(a) The Department of Juvenile Justice shall assume the rights, powers, duties, and responsibilities of the Juvenile Division of the Department of Corrections. Personnel, books, records, property, and unencumbered appropriations pertaining to the Juvenile Division of the Department of Corrections shall be transferred to the Department of Juvenile Justice on the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly. Any rights of employees or the State under the Personnel Code or any other contract or plan shall be unaffected by this transfer.

(b) Department of Juvenile Justice personnel who are hired by the Department on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly and who participate or assist in the rehabilitative and vocational training of delinquent youths, supervise the daily activities

involving direct and continuing responsibility for the youth's security, welfare and development, or participate in the personal rehabilitation of delinquent youth by training, supervising, and assisting lower level personnel who perform these duties must: (1) be over the age of 21 and (2) have a high school diploma or equivalent and either (A) a ~~any~~ bachelor's or advanced degree from an accredited college or university or (B) 2 or more years of experience providing direct care to youth in the form of residential care, coaching, case management, or mentoring. This requirement shall not apply to security, clerical, food service, and maintenance staff that do not have direct and regular contact with youth. The degree requirements specified in this subsection (b) are not required of persons who provide vocational training and who have adequate knowledge in the skill for which they are providing the vocational training.

(c) Subsection (b) of this Section does not apply to personnel transferred to the Department of Juvenile Justice on the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly.

(d) The Department shall be under the direction of the Director of Juvenile Justice as provided in this Code.

(e) The Director shall organize divisions within the Department and shall assign functions, powers, duties, and personnel as required by law. The Director may create other divisions and may assign other functions, powers, duties, and

personnel as may be necessary or desirable to carry out the functions and responsibilities vested by law in the Department. The Director may, with the approval of the Office of the Governor, assign to and share functions, powers, duties, and personnel with other State agencies such that administrative services and administrative facilities are provided by a shared administrative service center. Where possible, shared services which impact youth should be done with child-serving agencies. These administrative services may include, but are not limited to, all of the following functions: budgeting, accounting related functions, auditing, human resources, legal, procurement, training, data collection and analysis, information technology, internal investigations, intelligence, legislative services, emergency response capability, statewide transportation services, and general office support.

(f) The Department of Juvenile Justice may enter into intergovernmental cooperation agreements under which minors adjudicated delinquent and committed to the Department of Juvenile Justice may participate in county juvenile impact incarceration programs established under Section 3-6039 of the Counties Code.

(g) The Department of Juvenile Justice must comply with the ethnic and racial background data collection procedures provided in Section 4.5 of the Criminal Identification Act.

(h) The Department of Juvenile Justice shall implement a

wellness program to support health and wellbeing among staff and service providers within the Department of Juvenile Justice environment. The Department of Juvenile Justice shall establish response teams to provide support to employees and staff affected by events that are both duty-related and not duty-related and provide training to response team members. The Department's wellness program shall be accessible to any Department employee or service provider, including contractual employees and approved volunteers. The wellness program may include information sharing, education and activities designed to support health and well-being within the Department's environment. Access to wellness response team support shall be voluntary and remain confidential.

(Source: P.A. 102-616, eff. 1-1-22.)

(730 ILCS 5/3-2.5-100)

Sec. 3-2.5-100. Length of aftercare release; discharge.

(a) The aftercare release term of a youth committed to the Department under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 shall be as set out in Section 5-750 of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987, unless sooner terminated under subsection (b) of this Section, as otherwise provided by law, or as ordered by the court. The aftercare release term of youth committed to the Department as a habitual or violent juvenile offender under Section 5-815 or 5-820 of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 shall continue until the youth's 21st birthday unless sooner terminated under

subsection (c) of this Section, as otherwise provided by law, or as ordered by the court.

(b) Provided that the youth is in compliance with the terms and conditions of his or her aftercare release, the Department of Juvenile Justice may reduce the period of a releasee's aftercare release by 90 days upon the releasee receiving a high school diploma or upon passage of high school equivalency testing during the period of his or her aftercare release. This reduction in the period of a youth's term of aftercare release shall be available only to youth who have not previously earned a high school diploma or who have not previously passed high school equivalency testing.

(c) The Department of Juvenile Justice may discharge a youth from aftercare release and his or her commitment to the Department in accordance with subsection (3) of Section 5-750 of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987, if it determines that he or she is likely to remain at liberty without committing another offense.

(d) Upon the discharge of a youth, the Department may continue to provide services to the youth for up to 12 months to allow the youth to participate in vocational, rehabilitative, or supportive programs. The continuance of services may be requested by the youth, the youth's parent or guardian, or the Director of Juvenile Justice.

(Source: P.A. 99-628, eff. 1-1-17.)

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon

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