



Kane County Juvenile Justice Council
Legislative Updates
Quarterly Meeting – July 9, 2019

SB 0901 – Expands qualifying time for individual care grant, sent to Governor

- A child will continue to be eligible for ICG if the child is placed in the guardianship of DCFS b/c child requires care in a residential facility. Wardship concerning neglected, abused, and dependent minors terminates at 21 years of age rather than 19.

HB2649 – creates taskforce on Children of Incarcerated parents, sent to Gov.

- First meeting held no later than August 1, 2019. Taskforce shall review available research, best practices, and effective interventions to formulate interventions. Report of findings and recommendations should be submitted to the General Assembly and Governor by 12/31/2019.

P.A. 101-0018 – Police & Hotel Employee Training in Identifying Human Trafficking, expanding statute of limitation for Human Trafficking

- All law enforcement officers must take human trafficking training
- Amends criminal code: Provides that when the victim is 18 years of age or over at the time of the offense, a prosecution for involuntary servitude, involuntary sexual servitude of a minor, or trafficking in persons and related offenses may be commenced within 25 years (rather than 3 years) after the commission of the offense.
- By June 2020, hotels and motels must train employees in the recognition of human trafficking
- Department of Labor shall develop curriculum for training

HB1579 – Mental Health Evaluations for Minors, sent to Governor

- Prior to a sentencing order for disorderly conduct by making a threat of destruction of school building, property, or a threat of school related violence, the court may order a mental health evaluation.

HB3704 – Post-Release Services to Juveniles in DOC care, sent to Governor

- Services provided by the Department of Corrections for transitional and post-release treatment programs for juveniles committed to the Department shall include family engagement, including, but not limited to, visitation and programming.

HB3086- Extension and Expansion of Purview of the Emotional Intelligence and Social and Emotional Learning Task Force, Sent to Governor

- Must include strategies and instruction to address the needs of students with anger management issues in their best practices
- Must also make recommendations of funding sources
- Complete guidelines and recommendations by March 1, 2020 (as opposed to January 1, 2019)

HB1551 – DCFS Aftercare, Sent to Governor

- If children are returned to parents, DCFS or service agency shall provide a minimum of 6 months of aftercare services to each child beginning on the date that the child is returned home. Requires the Auditor General to begin a performance audit of DCFS on year after the effective date of this act to determine if DCFS is meeting requirements.



HB0831 – Child Abuse Reporting, Sent to Governor

- Requires DCFS to notify Department of Public Health and Healthcare and Family Services of reports of abuse that occur in facilities operated or licensed by DPH or DHFS and provide them with findings.

SB1239 – Review of Reports of Neglect to DCFS – Sent to Governor

- Prior to classifying a report of abuse/neglect as unfounded, DCFS must first determine whether report is subject to review and must complete the review process prior to classifying the report. Requires a review of a random sample of at least 5% of child abuse and neglect reports

HB2256 – Emancipation of Minors – sent to Governor

- Order of complete or partial emancipation may be entered even if there is an objection by the minor's parents/guardians and court finds that emancipation would be in the best interest of the minor.

HB2983 – Youth Homelessness Prevention, sent to Governor

- Requires creation of Youth Homelessness Prevention Subcommittee to drive strategic vision for preventing homelessness among youth leave state systems of care.

SB1808 – DCFS Transitioning Youth, sent to Governor

- To prevent homelessness, incarceration, unemployment and other similar outcomes, DCFS shall enter into an interagency agreement with specified agencies for the purpose of providing preventative services to youth in care and young adults who are aging out of or have recently aged out of the custody/guardianship of DCFS. Requires establishing an interagency liaison to review cases of at-risk youth in care and young adults, connect such youth to appropriate services to establish stabilization. Determine how to best provide housing, education, and employment services to at-risk youth in care and young adults. Requirements annual reports to General Assembly.

HB2152 – Mental Health Action on Campus, sent to Governor

- Creates Mental Health Early Action on Campus Act. In order to raise mental health awareness on college campuses, each public college or university must complete specified tasks.