



Kane County Juvenile Justice Council  
Legislative Updates  
Quarterly Meeting – October 10, 2019

**Public Act 101-0045 – Mental Health Database and Resource Page**

*Signed on July 12, 2019, effective immediately*

Requires DHS to create and maintain an online database and resource page on its website. Resources should focus on issues related to bullying and school shootings.

**Public Act 101-0251 – Mental Health Early Action on Campus**

*Signed on August 9, 2019, effective July 1, 2020*

In order to raise mental health awareness on college campuses, public colleges and universities must develop and implement an annual student orientation session aimed at raising awareness about mental health conditions, implement mental health awareness in existing curricula, feature a mental health resource page on their website, and distribute messages related to mental health resources. Also states that an online screening tool to raise awareness should be implemented within 3 years after the effective date of the act.

**Public Act 101-0215 – Amendment to Illinois Police Training Act**

*Signed on August 7, 2019, effective January 1, 2020*

Amends Illinois Police Training Act to include education for probationary officers on recognizing the signs and symptoms of work-related cumulative stress, issues that may lead to suicide, and solutions for intervention. Also requires Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board to develop/approve an in-service course addressing officer wellness and suicide presentation.

**Public Act 101-0350 – Amendment to School Code regarding mental health training**

*Signed on August 9, 2019, effective January 1, 2020*

Amends the school code to allow districts to utilize the Illinois Mental Health First Aid training program to provide training and meet requirements.

**Public Act 101-0098 – Youth Homelessness Prevention Subcommittee Act**

*Signed on July 19, 2019, effective January 1, 2020*

Establishes the Youth Homeless Prevention Committee to review discharge planning, service plans, and procedures for those youth exiting the custody or guardianship of DCFS, DJJ, DHS Division of Mental Health, and DOC to ensure housing stability for those leaving state systems of care and collect data on housing stability of youth for one year after they are released. Based on that collected data, develop a plan to improve discharge policies and provide recommendations on community plans for sustainable housing. Establishes entities that are required to be members of this subcommittee. Meetings shall take place at least 6 times per year and submit biannual reports to the Governor and General Assembly.

**Public Act 101-0167 – Amends the Children and Family Services Act**

*Signed July 26, 2019, effective July 26, 2019*

Within 180 days after the effective date of the amended act, the following state agencies shall enter into an interagency agreement: DCFS, DHS, DHFS, ISBE, DJJ, DOC, IL Urban Development Authority, and the Dept of Public Health. The purpose of this interagency is provide preventative services to youth in care and young adults who are aging out or have recently aged out of custody/guardianship of state systems of care. Establishes an interagency liaison to review cases and connect youth/young adults to appropriate services. Report shall be submitted on January 1, 2021 outlining services provided to youth in care.



**Public Act 101-0486 – Amends the School Visitation Rights Act**

*Signed on August 23, 2019, effective August 1, 2020*

Amends the School Visitation Rights Act to include behavioral and academic meetings as an approved reason for employee leave (for up to a total of 8 hours during any school year and no more than 4 hours in a given day). Also restricts employers from terminating an employee for an absence from work if that absence is related solely to attendance at these meetings.

**HB 03900 – Amends the School Code**

*Introduced on September 26, 2019, effective July 1, 2020*

Requires each school district maintaining elementary grades to ensure a half-day preschool education program that helps children with their interpersonal and socialization skills is provided to each child in the district who has been identified as a child with a disability and each child who is at risk of educational failure and is 4 years old by August 1.

**Public Act 101-0438 – Amends the School Code**

*Signed August 20, 2019, effective immediately*

Amends the School Code by adding the Safe Schools and Healthy Learning Environment Grant program. Outlines requirements under the grant program and application procedures.

**Public Act 101-0120 – Amends the Probate Act of 1975**

*Signed July 23, 2019, effective immediately*

Amends the Probate Act stating that a court lacks jurisdiction to proceed on a petition for the appointment of a guardian of a minor if it finds that . . . , to include the parent or parents who are unable to give consent due to an administrative separation (as a result of immigration related matters).

**Public Act 101-0238 – Amends the Juvenile Court Act**

*Signed August 9, 2019, effective January 1, 2020*

Prior to entering a sentence order as a result of a minor making a threat of violence, death, or bodily harm against a person, school, school function or event, the court may order a mental health evaluation of the minor by a physician, clinical psychologist, or qualified examiner. Professional can be employed by the State, any public or private mental health facility. Statements made by the minor during the evaluation on the issue of delinquency are not admissible under this Act.

**Public Act 101-0135 – Amends Emancipation of Minors Act**

*Signed July 26, 2019, effective immediately*

An order of complete or partial emancipation may be entered if there is an objection by the minor's parents or guardians only if the court finds in the hearing that emancipation would be in the minor's best interests.

**Public Act 101-0063 – Amends Child Care Act of 1969**

*Signed July 12, 2019, effective immediately*

Amends the number of children that are able to reside in a foster family home, but permits DCFS to waive the number who may be cared for based on any of the following reasons to allow: a parenting youth to remain with their child, siblings to remain together, a child with an established meaningful relationship, or a family with special training or skills to provide care to a child who has a severe disability. Also requires DCFS to submit reports demonstrating ongoing assessment for those youth placed in a residential treatment facility.

**Public Act 101-0480 – Amends Children of Incarcerate Parents Act**

*Signed August 23, 2019, effective immediately.*

Establishes a Task Force on Children of Incarcerated Parents to develop and propose policies and procedures that encourage guiding principles with regards to children whose parents are incarcerated. Identifies who should make up the Task Force and how frequently the Task Force should meet.