



Kane County Juvenile Justice Council
Legislative Updates – April 2022

HB 4671 – JUV CT-COMMITMENT JUV JUST

Amends the Juvenile Court Act of 1987. Eliminates provision that permits a guilty minor to be committed to the Department of Juvenile Justice for an offense that is a Class 3 or Class 4 felony violation of the Illinois Controlled Substances Act if the commitment occurs upon a third or subsequent judicial finding of a violation of probation for substantial noncompliance with court-ordered treatment or programming.
Filed January 20, 2022

HB 5401 – JUV CT-DETENTION CENTER HIRING

Provides that, notwithstanding any other provision of law or rule, the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts and the Department of Juvenile Justice shall permit the hiring of county juvenile detention center personnel that possess less than a bachelor's degree, including, but not limited to, the hiring of an applicant who possesses an associate's degree or has completed at least 60 credit hours at an accredited institution of higher education. Effective immediately.
Filed January 26, 2022

HB 5572 – IL JUV JUSTICE COMMISSION

Requires the Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission to develop a plan to ensure adequate availability of alternatives to reduce the use of detention and prevent deeper justice system involvement for children. Requires the Commission to explore and document the availability of services and support for families with children ages 10 through 12 in contact with the State's juvenile justice system and to make recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly to address any gaps in services, support, and resources for these children and families.
Filed January 28, 2022

SB 3093 – SCH CD-TRANSFER ALT SCHOOL

Provides that school officials shall limit the number and duration of transfers to alternative schools in place of discipline.
Filed January 11, 2022

SB 3936 - STUDENT SCHOOL HELPLINE

Creates the Student Confidential Reporting Act. Subject to appropriation, requires the Illinois State Police, in consultation with the Illinois Emergency Management Agency, State Board of Education, Department of Children and Family Services, and the Department of Human Services, to establish a program for receiving reports and other information from the public regarding potential self-harm or potential harm or criminal acts directed at school students, school employees, or schools in this State. Requires the program to include a Safe2Help Illinois helpline (defined as a school helpline involving a statewide toll-free telephone number, social media, a website, or other means of communication, or a combination of a toll-free telephone number and another means of communication, that transmits voice, text, photographic, or other messages and information to the Safe2Help Illinois operators).
Filed January 21, 2022



HB4306 – DCFS-YOUTH IN CARE-MENTAL HLTH

Amends the Children and Family Services Act. Creates the Holistic Mental Health Care for Youth in Care Task Force. Requires the Task Force to review and make recommendations regarding mental health and wellness services provided to youth in care, including a program of holistic mental health services provided 30 days after the date upon which a youth is placed in foster care, in order to determine how to best meet the mental health needs of youth in care.

Passed both houses on April 7, 2022

HB 4480 - LOCAL POLICE-MENTAL HEALTH

Provides that the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board shall establish statewide standards for minimum standards regarding regular mandatory annual mental health wellness checks (rather than regular mental health screenings) for probationary and permanent police officers, ensuring that counseling sessions and wellness checks (rather than screenings) remain confidential. Provides that the regular mandatory annual mental health wellness checks for probationary and permanent police officers shall be provided through the law enforcement agency's health insurance carrier at no cost to the law enforcement agency that employs the officers.

Filed January 12, 2022

HB 5393 – MENTAL HEALTH SCREENING GRANTS

Creates the Mental Health Screening in Schools Grant Program. Makes findings. Provides that the purpose of the grant program shall be to provide funding and resources to allow school districts to implement depression screening programs to identify students in grades 7 through 12 who are at risk of depression.

Filed January 28, 2022

SB 3889 – CHILDREN MENTAL HEALTH COUNCIL

Creates the Children's Mental Health Council Act. Provides that the Children's Mental Health Council shall conduct at least 4 meetings each year, in addition to emergency meetings called by the chairperson of the Council, research and provide recommendations for the General Assembly on children with mental and behavioral disabilities and residential placements around the State and out of state, research and provide recommendations on how State agencies will be able to provide emergency placement for children with disabilities, research and provide recommendations on expanding residential beds and increasing the workforce, and providing recommendations for the General Assembly, State Board of Education, Department of Children and Family Services, Department of Healthcare and Family Services, Department of Juvenile Justice, and any other agency that is involved in the process of the placement of a child.

Passed both Houses as of April 7, 2022

SB 3845 - SCH CD-WHOLE CHILD TASK FORCE

Requires the Gender Equity Advisory Committee, on or before December 15, 2023, to submit recommendations to the Governor, General Assembly, and State Board of Education on how school districts and the State Board of Education can better support historically disadvantaged males, including African American students and other students of color, to ensure educational equity. Makes that requirement inoperative on and after December 31, 2023.

Passed both Houses as of April 1, 2022