

HB3110 Social Services Contract Notice Act

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Immediate suspension, reduction, or termination of vital social services causes unnecessary turmoil and harm for the people of our state. It also poses significant challenges for service providers, their staff, and the provider's fiscal footing. Our state must fulfill its duty to "provide for the health, safety and welfare of the people." Our state agencies must operate with foresight and transparency to protect those impacted by sudden and unplanned changes to essential social services.

What This Bill Does

"It is the purpose of this Act and is declared to be the policy of the State that the principles of fair and responsible business practices shall be applicable to provider agencies delivering social services on behalf of the State."

- Creates the **Social Services Contract Notice Act** to provide advance notice to the General Assembly if state agencies intend to suspend, reduce, or terminate social services as a result of lack of sufficient funds. This Act applies to services delivered on behalf of the state designed to ensure the health, safety, education, or welfare of Illinoisans.
- Allows the General Assembly an opportunity to take action to remedy insufficient funding, if desired. State agencies shall notify legislative leadership **45 days advance notice** of any intention to reduce services and the level of funding necessary to prevent such a reduction or elimination of services.
- Provides certainty to social service providers that they will not be forced to immediately cease services without notice. State agencies and providers are required to submit **30 day advance notice** prior to reducing, eliminating, or suspending services except in instances of fraud, other breach of contract, or the identification of grave safety concerns.
- Allows service providers time to engage in contingency planning for their clients to attempt to lessen the burden of a reduction or loss of services whenever possible, including linkages to alternative resources, emergency services, and to ethically terminate therapeutic relationships.
- Allows social service providers the opportunity to confer with their Boards of Directors, pursue alternative funding prospects, restructure staffing or programming, provide advance notice to impacted employees, and permit advance notification to impacted business partners such as landlords, vendors, and lenders.

What This Bill Does NOT Do

- Does not require the General Assembly to act to address funding shortfall to prevent loss of services.
- Does not deprive State agencies of powers to determine and plan to suspend, reduce, or terminate funding for vital services. Under this Act, advance planning and notification are necessary before loss of vital services occurs.
- Does not impede reallocation of unexpended funds to meet emerging, increased public need for vital services or year-end reconciliation.
- Does not apply to every state contract; this Act is only applicable to specific state agency contracts, agreements, or grants for services that directly impact vulnerable Illinoisans.
- Does not require advance notification to providers engaging in illegal or fraudulent acts.
- Does not abrogate either parties' ability to immediately terminate for breach of contract.
- Does not impair existing contracts.

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