

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

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

4 Section 5. The State Fire Marshal Act is amended by adding
5 Section 5 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 2905/5 new)

7 Sec. 5. Youth Firesetter Interventionist Coordinator;
8 certified youth firesetter interventionists.

9 (a) The Office of the State Fire Marshal shall create the
10 position of Youth Firesetter Interventionist Coordinator
11 within the Division of Arson and shall employ a person to serve
12 in that position. An applicant to the position of Youth
13 Firesetter Interventionist Coordinator must be a certified
14 youth firesetter interventionist coordinator based on the
15 standards set forth in Chapter 9 of the National Fire
16 Protection Association's "Standard on Fire and Life Safety
17 Education, Public Information Officer, Youth Firesetter
18 Intervention Specialist and Youth Firesetting Program Manager
19 Professional Qualifications" (NFPA 1035).

20 (b) The Youth Firesetter Interventionist Coordinator
21 employed by the Office shall be compensated at a rate that is
22 comparable to the rate of compensation for a State arson
23 investigator and shall be provided benefits similar to those

1 of a State arson investigator. The Youth Firesetter
2 Interventionist Coordinator shall also be provided similar
3 means and resources as those supplied to a State arson
4 investigator. The Office shall not modify any current position
5 to meet these requirements. The position of the Youth
6 Firesetter Interventionist Coordinator shall be created and
7 filled anew, as set forth in this Section.

8 (c) The Youth Firesetter Interventionist Coordinator shall
9 have those responsibilities that are stipulated for a Youth
10 Firesetter Program Manager in Chapter 9 of NFPA 1035. In
11 addition to those requirements, the Youth Firesetter
12 Interventionist Coordinator shall have the following
13 responsibilities:

14 (1) The Youth Firesetter Interventionist Coordinator
15 shall ensure that a certified youth firesetter
16 interventionist employed within the Office, or a volunteer
17 certified youth firesetter interventionist, physically
18 sees a child whose case was referred to the coordinator
19 within 72 hours of the referral. If no certified youth
20 firesetter interventionist is available, then the Youth
21 Firesetter Interventionist Coordinator must take the case
22 and ensure the child is seen within 72 hours. The 72-hour
23 requirement begins and continues from the time the Youth
24 Firesetter Interventionist Coordinator is referred the
25 case, including any weekend days or national and State
26 holidays.

1 (2) The Youth Firesetter Interventionist Coordinator
2 shall process Freedom of Information Act requests.

3 (3) The Youth Firesetter Interventionist Coordinator
4 shall create a report, to be submitted to the General
5 Assembly, that reports on the data collected in accordance
6 with NFPA 1035. The report shall be semiannual for the
7 first 2 years, and the first report shall be submitted to
8 the General Assembly by December 30, 2023. After the first
9 2 years of semiannual reporting, the report shall be
10 submitted annually.

11 (d) A volunteer certified youth firesetter interventionist
12 may receive a \$250 stipend for a case only if the volunteer
13 certified youth firesetter interventionist is not otherwise
14 compensated by another employer or entity for that case. A
15 volunteer certified youth firesetter interventionist shall
16 receive mileage reimbursement for any necessary travel.

17 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
18 becoming law.