



The Illinois Family Caregiver Act

An Opportunity to Support Caregivers

SB 2617, Sponsored by Sen. Lightford

HB 4014, Sponsored by Rep. Lilly

Support

Fund the Illinois Family Caregiver Act

The law, PA 93-0864 passed in 2004, established a caregiver support program to assist unpaid caregivers including grandparents raising grandkids (kinship care) through training and education to develop essential caregiving skills and other interventions to provide relief and reduce stress. In 2023, the Illinois General Assembly passed \$5 million in funding to support the Illinois Family Caregiver Act for FY24. This was the second time the act has been funded at the state level. We greatly appreciate the \$5 million appropriation however more funding is needed to adequately support Illinois Family Caregivers.

Our Ask

Increase from \$5 to \$6 million to fund the Illinois Family Caregiver Act, an investment in our family caregivers.

100% of funds will go towards expanding existing services to support:

- Evidence-based assessments that tailor interventions to caregivers' unique needs
- Support services and respite care that provide temporary relief to caregivers
- Hands-on caregiver training, education and stress relief programs
- A wide range of other support for Grandparents & others raising children
- Saves Medicaid dollars by delaying costly nursing home placement

Reach Out

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