

JB Pritzker
Governor



Heidi E. Mueller
Director

March 20, 2025

Secretary of the Senate
Capitol Building, Room 401
Springfield, Illinois 62706

Re: Personal Information Protection Act (815 ILCS 530, et seq.)
Report of a Loss of Protected Personal Information

Dear Members of the General Assembly:

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 25 of the Personal Information Protection Act, the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) submits this report of a breach of written material.

On March 18, 2025, a DCFS worker inadvertently sent an email with an attachment which contained your personal information to the incorrect distribution group. There was an attempt to recall the email, and we are working to verify that the recall was successful from all recipients. However, out of an abundance of caution, we have reached out to those individuals on the distribution list and asked that they disregard the email and delete it from their system. The document contained the individual's name and social security number. The number of individual(s) involved in this breach is one ("1").

DCFS sincerely regrets this incident. DCFS has contacted the affected individual and provided them with information about credit monitoring services and other ways to protect their identity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "H. Mueller".

Heidi E. Mueller
Director
Illinois Department of Children and Family Services