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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 2424

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 2424 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Developmental Disability and Mental
5 Disability Services Act is amended by adding Article VII-A as
6 follows:

7 (405 ILCS 80/Art. VII-A heading new)

8 VII-A. DIVERSION FROM INSTITUTIONALIZATION HOMES PROGRAM

9 (405 ILCS 80/7A-1 new)

10 Sec. 7A-1. Diversion from Institutionalization Homes
11 Program.

12 (a) The purposes of this Article are to:

13 (1) decrease the number of admissions to
14 State-operated facilities;

15 (2) address the needs of individuals with intellectual

1 disabilities or developmental disabilities who are at-risk
2 of institutionalization due to significant behavioral
3 challenges, some with a dual diagnosis of mental illness,
4 by providing a community-based residential alternative to
5 institutionalization consistent with their individual
6 plans, and to transition these individuals back to a
7 traditional community-integrated living arrangement or
8 other community-based residential program;

9 (3) create greater capacity within the short-term
10 stabilization homes by allowing individuals who need an
11 extended period of treatment to transfer to a long-term
12 stabilization home;

13 (4) stabilize the existing community-integrated living
14 arrangement homes where the presence of individuals with
15 complex behavioral challenges is disruptive to their
16 housemates;

17 (5) allow individuals currently residing in
18 State-operated facilities who need a higher level of
19 supervision and treatment expertise not currently
20 available within the community-integrated living
21 arrangement rate methodology to return to the community;
22 and

23 (6) curtail the growing number of community service
24 providers who are declining to serve individuals with
25 significant behavioral challenges.

26 (b) The Department shall establish the Diversion from

1 Institutionalization Home Program consisting of at least 6
2 homes in various locations in this State in accordance with
3 this Article and the following model:

4 (1) the Diversion from Institutionalization Home Model
5 shall serve individuals with intellectual disabilities or
6 developmental disabilities who are at-risk of
7 institutionalization due to significant behavioral
8 challenges, some with a dual diagnosis of mental illness,
9 for a period ranging from one to 2 years, or longer if
10 appropriate for the individual;

11 (2) the Program shall be regulated in accordance with
12 the community-integrated living arrangement guidelines;

13 (3) each home shall support no more than 4 residents,
14 each having his or her own bedroom;

15 (4) if, at any point, an individual, his or her
16 guardian, or family caregivers, in conjunction with the
17 provider and clinical staff, believe the individual is
18 capable of participating in other community residential
19 options, those opportunities shall be offered as they
20 become available;

21 (5) providers shall be experienced and qualified to
22 serve the population target by the Program;

23 (6) participating Program providers and the Department
24 shall participate in an ongoing collaborative whereby best
25 practices and treatment experiences would be shared;

26 (7) home locations shall be proposed by the provider in

1 collaboration with other community stakeholders;

2 (8) staffing and financial resources shall be adequate
3 to meet the needs of the individuals served, including
4 their mental health needs;

5 (9) the staffing model shall allow for a high level of
6 community integration and engagement and family
7 involvement; and

8 (10) appropriate day services, staff training
9 priorities, and home modifications shall be incorporated
10 into the Program model.

11 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
12 becoming law."