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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 390

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 390 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Department of Human Services Act is amended
5 by adding Section 10-33.1 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 1305/10-33.1 new)

7 Sec. 10-33.1. Sexual assault legal assistance pilot
8 program.

9 (a) Findings and intent. The General Assembly finds that
10 navigating the criminal and civil legal systems related to
11 sexual assault is complicated and traumatic for victims of
12 sexual assault. It is therefore necessary to assist sexual
13 assault victims in adequately participating in the prosecution
14 of their offender, asserting their crime victims' rights,
15 petitioning for protective orders, and ensuring civil law
16 protections related to employment, education, housing, and

1 other rights. The General Assembly finds that the provision of
2 legal assistance to victims in sexual assault cases is
3 necessary to increase the success rate of prosecutions for sex
4 crimes in Illinois and to help survivors as they seek justice
5 and healing.

6 The General Assembly intends to create a pilot program to
7 establish 4 sexual assault legal assistance pilot projects in
8 the State. For each pilot project, specially trained attorneys
9 will provide legal assistance to sexual assault victims during
10 the course of the investigation into their assault, throughout
11 the prosecution of their offenders, and in other actions to
12 assert and enforce rights related to their status as a victim
13 of sexual violence, such as protective orders, asserting rights
14 under the Victims' Economic Security and Safety Act and the
15 Safe Homes Act, and representing them in hearings under the
16 Preventing Sexual Violence in Higher Education Act and Title IX
17 of the Education Amendments of 1972.

18 (b) Legal assistance pilot program. Subject to
19 appropriation, the Department shall establish a legal
20 assistance pilot program to operate 4 pilot projects in
21 Illinois. The pilot projects shall be established by the
22 Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault in conjunction with
23 sexual assault crisis centers in 4 service areas that are
24 geographically distributed throughout the State. The
25 Department and the Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault
26 shall establish an application process. Sexual assault crisis

1 centers located throughout the State may apply to the Illinois
2 Coalition Against Sexual Assault to participate in the pilot
3 program.

4 (c) Pilot projects. Each of the 4 pilot projects
5 established under this Section shall operate for a minimum of 3
6 years.

7 (d) Report. No later than 2 years after the establishment
8 of pilot projects under this Section, the Department must
9 report to the General Assembly on the efficacy of the pilot
10 program.

11 (g) Rules. The Department shall adopt rules to implement
12 this Section."