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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 278

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 278 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Illinois Human Services Commission Act.

6 Section 5. Legislative findings. The General Assembly
7 finds that:

8 (1) The State of Illinois depends upon public and private
9 service providers to deliver many critical human services
10 necessary to protect and enhance the welfare of its citizens,
11 including its most vulnerable populations.

12 (2) The citizens of Illinois and their communities depend
13 upon these services to protect public health, create individual
14 and family well-being, improve public safety, revitalize local
15 economies, and enhance learning.

16 (3) Human services play a vital role in every community and

1 legislative district across the State, providing jobs and
2 revenue in addition to services and supports to children and
3 youth, families, workers, the elderly, people with
4 disabilities, and other vulnerable populations.

5 (4) A strong and well-managed network of public and private
6 human services is integral to the achievement of other State
7 goals in the areas of health and wellness, educational
8 outcomes, workforce development, and an improved business
9 climate.

10 (5) A lack of adequate appropriations, clear goals,
11 spending priorities, and measurable outcomes along with delays
12 in payments, inadequate rates, duplicative reporting
13 requirements, and other systemic barriers prevent private
14 entities from achieving the goal of a strong and effective
15 network of well-managed public and private service providers.

16 (6) The maintenance of a strong and well-managed network of
17 human services requires a joint planning process that brings
18 together public and private experts in human services to
19 identify best practices and strategies.

20 Section 10. Illinois Human Services Commission. The
21 Illinois Human Services Commission is created to undertake a
22 systematic review of human services programs with the goal of
23 ensuring their consistent delivery in the State.

24 Section 15. Duties.

1 (a) The Commission shall review all State human services
2 programs and make recommendations for achieving a system that
3 will provide for the efficient and effective delivery of high
4 quality human services. These recommendations shall include
5 the following elements:

6 (1) Ensuring adequate appropriations for the provision
7 of human services.

8 (2) Establishing processes for determining fair,
9 adequate, and timely reimbursement.

10 (3) Maintaining efficient management of
11 publicly-funded programs and services.

12 (4) Implementing best practices within the human
13 services field.

14 (5) Creating outcome measures and accountability
15 mechanisms.

16 (6) Developing projections for future human services
17 needs based on demographic trends and other related
18 variables.

19 (b) The Commission shall make best efforts to:

20 (1) Use existing reports, research, and planning
21 efforts and call for additional reports and research to
22 support its work.

23 (2) Seek input from existing advisory councils and task
24 forces that address human services delivery, as well as
25 other human services experts and the public-at-large
26 including one or more public hearings to take and consider

1 public comment.

2 (3) Identify opportunities for increased efficiency or
3 cross-agency collaboration regarding human services
4 delivery.

5 Section 20. Membership; appointments; meetings; support.

6 (a) The Commission shall include representation from both
7 public and private organizations, and its membership shall
8 reflect regional, racial, and cultural diversity to ensure
9 representation of the needs of all Illinois citizens.
10 Commission members shall include one member appointed by the
11 President of the Senate, one member appointed by the Minority
12 Leader of the Senate, one member appointed by the Speaker of
13 the House of Representatives, one member appointed by the
14 Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, and other
15 members appointed by the Governor. The Governor's appointments
16 shall include, without limitation, the following:

17 (1) A co-chair from the Office of the Governor and a
18 co-chair not employed by a governmental entity to represent
19 the interests of non-governmental organizations.

20 (2) Eight members of the General Assembly representing
21 each of the majority and minority caucuses of each chamber.

22 (3) The Directors or Secretaries of the following State
23 agencies or their designees:

24 (A) Department of Human Services.

25 (B) Department of Children and Family Services.

1 (C) Department of Healthcare and Family Services.

2 (D) State Board of Education.

3 (E) Department on Aging.

4 (F) Department of Juvenile Justice.

5 (G) Department of Corrections.

6 (H) Department of Public Health.

7 (4) Local government stakeholders and nongovernmental
8 stakeholders with an interest in human services, including
9 representation among the following private-sector fields
10 and constituencies:

11 (A) Early childhood education and development.

12 (B) Child care.

13 (C) Child welfare.

14 (D) Youth services.

15 (E) Developmental disabilities.

16 (F) Mental health.

17 (H) Employment and training.

18 (I) Sexual and domestic violence.

19 (J) Alcohol and substance abuse.

20 (K) Local community collaborations among human
21 services programs.

22 (L) Immigrant services.

23 (M) Affordable housing.

24 (N) Re-entry.

25 (O) Food and nutrition.

26 (P) Homelessness.

- 1 (Q) Older adults.
2 (R) Physical disabilities.
3 (S) Business.
4 (T) Philanthropy.
5 (U) Labor.
6 (V) Law enforcement.

7 (b) Members shall serve without compensation for the
8 duration of the Commission.

9 (c) In the event of a vacancy, the appointment to fill the
10 vacancy shall be made in the same manner as the original
11 appointment.

12 (d) The Commission shall convene within 60 days after the
13 effective date of this Act. The initial meeting of the
14 Commission shall be convened by the co-chair selected by the
15 Governor. Subsequent meetings shall convene at the call of the
16 co-chairs. The Commission shall meet on a quarterly basis, or
17 more often if necessary.

18 (e) The Department of Human Services shall provide
19 administrative support to the Commission.

20 Section 25. Report. The Commission shall report to the
21 Governor and the General Assembly on the Commission's progress
22 toward its goals and objectives by June 30, 2013, and every
23 June 30 thereafter.

24 Section 30. Transparency. In addition to whatever policies

1 or procedures it may adopt, all operations of the Commission
2 shall be subject to the provisions of the Freedom of
3 Information Act and the Open Meetings Act. This Section shall
4 not be construed so as to preclude other State laws from
5 applying to the Commission and its activities."