

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Department of Healthcare and Family
5 Services Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is
6 amended by adding Section 30 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 2205/30 new)

8 Sec. 30. Health care telementoring.

9 (a) The Department of Healthcare and Family Services shall
10 designate one or more health care telementoring entities based
11 on an application to be developed by the Department of
12 Healthcare and Family Services. Applicants shall demonstrate a
13 record of expertise and demonstrated success in providing
14 health care telementoring services. Approved applicants from
15 Illinois shall be eligible for State funding in accordance
16 with rules developed by the Department of Healthcare and
17 Family Services. Funding shall be provided based on the number
18 of physicians who are assisted by each approved health care
19 telementoring entity and the hours of assistance provided to
20 each physician.

21 (b) In this Section, "health care telementoring" means a
22 program:

23 (1) based on interactive video technology that

1 connects groups of community health care providers in
2 urban and rural underserved areas with specialists in
3 regular real-time collaborative sessions;

4 (2) designed around case-based learning and
5 mentorship; and

6 (3) that helps local health care providers gain the
7 expertise required to more effectively provide needed
8 services.

9 "Health care telementoring" includes, but is not limited
10 to, a program provided to improve services in a variety of
11 areas, including, but not limited to, adolescent health,
12 Hepatitis C, complex diabetes, geriatrics, mental illness,
13 opioid use disorders, substance use disorders, maternity care,
14 childhood adversity and trauma, pediatric ADHD, and other
15 priorities identified by the Department of Healthcare and
16 Family Services.