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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 4306

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 4306 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Children and Family Services Act is
5 amended by adding Section 5.26 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 505/5.26 new)

7 Sec. 5.26. Creates the Holistic Mental Health Care for
8 Youth in Care Task Force.

9 (a) The Holistic Mental Health Care for Youth in Care Task
10 Force is created. The Task Force shall review and make
11 recommendations regarding mental health and wellness services
12 provided to youth in care, including a program of holistic
13 mental health services provided 30 days after the date upon
14 which a youth is placed in foster care, in order to determine
15 how to best meet the mental health needs of youth in care.
16 Additionally, the Task Force shall:

1 (1) assess the capacity of State licensed mental
2 health professionals to provide preventive mental health
3 care to youth in care;

4 (2) review the current payment rates for mental health
5 providers serving the youth in care population;

6 (3) evaluate the process for smaller private practices
7 and agencies to bill through managed care, evaluate
8 delayed payments to mental health providers, and recommend
9 improvements to make billing practices more efficient;

10 (4) evaluate the recruitment and retention of mental
11 health providers who are persons of color to serve the
12 youth in care population; and

13 (5) any other relevant subject and processes as deemed
14 necessary by the Task Force.

15 (b) The Task Force shall have 9 members, comprised as
16 follows:

17 (1) The Director of Healthcare and Family Services or
18 the Director's designee.

19 (2) The Director of Children and Family Services or
20 the Director's designee.

21 (3) A member from the Office of the Governor who has a
22 focus on mental health issues.

23 (4) Two members from the House of Representatives,
24 appointed one each by the Speaker of the House of
25 Representatives and the Minority Leader of the House of
26 Representatives.

1 (5) Two members of the Senate, appointed one each by
2 the President of the Senate and the Minority Leader of the
3 Senate.

4 (6) One member who is a former youth in care
5 recommended by the Illinois Chapter of the Foster Care
6 Alumni of America.

7 (7) One representative from the managed care entity
8 managing the YouthCare program recommended by the Director
9 of Healthcare and Family Services.

10 Task Force members shall serve without compensation but
11 may be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the
12 performance of their duties.

13 (c) The Task Force shall meet at least once each month
14 beginning no later than July 1, 2022 and at other times as
15 determined by the Task Force. The Task Force may hold
16 electronic meetings and a member of the Task Force shall be
17 deemed present for the purposes of establishing a quorum and
18 voting.

19 (d) The Department of Healthcare and Family Services, in
20 conjunction with the Department of Children and Family
21 Services, shall provide administrative and other support to
22 the Task Force.

23 (e) The Task Force shall prepare and submit to the
24 Governor and the General Assembly at the end of each quarter a
25 report that summarizes its work and makes recommendations
26 resulting from its study.

1 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
2 becoming law.".