



## 102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2021 and 2022

HB5734

by Rep. Cyril Nichols

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 2205/2205-40 new

Amends the Department of Healthcare and Family Services Law. Provides that subject to appropriations, the Department of Healthcare and Family Services shall establish and administer a grant program that provides grants to multi-specialty healthcare facilities that serve urban populations in areas identified to be food deserts by the Illinois Department of Public Health in its Illinois Food Deserts Annual Report. Provides that, to receive a grant under the program, a multi-specialty healthcare facility must provide accessible services and have expertise in mental health, nutrition, family medicine, alternative medicine, sports medicine, pain management, physical therapy, occupational therapy, and social determinants of health. Requires the Department to assess the effectiveness of the grant program by monitoring (i) enrollment levels in each multi-specialty healthcare facility and (ii) the blood pressure, body mass index, and mental health assessments of enrolled patients. Provides that funding for the grant program shall not exceed \$10,000,000. Permits the Department to adopt any rules necessary to implement the grant program. Effective July 1, 2022.

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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 2205-40 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 2205/2205-40 new)

8 Sec. 2205-40. Grants to food deserts. Subject to  
9 appropriations, the Department shall establish and administer  
10 a grant program that provides grants to multi-specialty  
11 healthcare facilities that serve urban populations in areas  
12 identified to be food deserts by the Illinois Department of  
13 Public Health in its Illinois Food Deserts Annual Report. To  
14 receive a grant under the program, a multi-specialty  
15 healthcare facility must provide accessible services and have  
16 expertise in mental health, nutrition, family medicine,  
17 alternative medicine, sports medicine, pain management,  
18 physical therapy, occupational therapy, and social  
19 determinants of health. To assess the effectiveness of the  
20 grant program, the Department shall monitor (i) enrollment  
21 levels in each multi-specialty healthcare facility and (ii)  
22 the blood pressure, body mass index, and mental health  
23 assessments of enrolled patients. Funding for the grant

1 program shall not exceed \$10,000,000. The Department may adopt  
2 any rules necessary to implement the grant program.

3 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,  
4 2022.