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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 3698

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 3698 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Mental Health and Developmental
5 Disabilities Administrative Act is amended by adding Section
6 18.9 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 1705/18.9 new)

8 Sec. 18.9. Cultural Empowerment Program.

9 (a) Subject to appropriation, the Department shall create
10 the Cultural Empowerment Program, which shall make
11 grants-in-aid to one or more community providers to provide
12 outreach, engagement, training, and support to faith-based
13 organizations serving communities that are underserved by
14 mental and behavioral health resources. The Department shall
15 provide a list of ZIP codes identifying the targeted
16 communities.

1 (b) Grantees under the program shall utilize all available
2 resources to provide initial relationship building within
3 community areas by delivering training to faith-based
4 leadership and providing connection through personal stories
5 from persons with lived expertise to the leadership of faith
6 communities or their congregations. Grantees shall provide
7 information about the Certified Recovery Support Specialist
8 (CRSS) credential to interested individuals.

9 (c) Grantees shall build relationships with local
10 community mental health centers (CMHCs) and other behavioral
11 health providers to help facilitate linkage to mental health
12 services for people in targeted communities. Grantees shall
13 ensure that consumers in the program experience a warm handoff
14 between the grantee and the CMHC or other service provider,
15 and to the greatest possible extent, shall assist consumers in
16 navigating or bypassing wait lists and other barriers to
17 accessing care. Grantees shall use their relationships with
18 CMHCs and service providers to support expansion of services
19 when needed and where possible.

20 (d) Grantees under the program shall utilize their
21 expertise to build relationships with faith-based communities
22 in the targeted communities and ensure that those
23 organizations are aware of the behavioral health resources
24 available. Grantees shall support faith-based communities in
25 advocating for community members who are affected by
26 behavioral health conditions to access mental health treatment

1 and recovery services that shall assist them in living healthy
2 and productive lives.

3 (e) The Department shall prioritize organizations that are
4 existing trusted messengers within targeted communities in
5 awarding funding under the program.

6 (f) The Cultural Empowerment Program established by this
7 Section shall begin operations no later than July 1, 2024."