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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 5269

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 5269 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Children and Family Services Act is  
5 amended by changing Section 5.27 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 505/5.27)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2026)

8 Sec. 5.27. Holistic Mental Health Care for Youth in Care  
9 Task Force.

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

1       Additionally, the Task Force shall:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 Representatives.

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

5 (6) One member who is a former youth in care,  
6 appointed by the Governor.

7 (7) One representative from the managed care entity  
8 managing the YouthCare program, appointed 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~~. The Task Force shall submit its

1 final report to the Governor and the General Assembly no later  
2 than December 31, 2025 ~~2024~~. Upon submission of its final  
3 report, the Task Force is dissolved.

4 (f) This Section is repealed on January 1, 2026.

5 (Source: P.A. 102-898, eff. 5-25-22; 103-154, eff. 6-30-23.)

6 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
7 becoming law."