

1 AN ACT in relation to public aid.

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

4 Section 5. The Illinois Public Aid Code is amended by  
5 adding Section 5-2.05 as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/5-2.05 new)

7 Sec. 5-2.05. Disabled children.

8 (a) The Department of Public Aid may offer, to children  
9 with developmental disabilities and severely mentally ill or  
10 emotionally disturbed children who otherwise would not  
11 qualify for medical assistance under this Article due to  
12 family income, home-based and community-based services  
13 instead of institutional placement, as allowed under  
14 paragraph 7 of Section 5-2.

15 (b) The Department of Public Aid, in conjunction with  
16 the Department of Human Services and the Division of  
17 Specialized Care for Children, University of  
18 Illinois-Chicago, shall also report to the Governor and the  
19 General Assembly no later than January 1, 2004 regarding the  
20 status of existing services offered under paragraph 7 of  
21 Section 5-2. This report shall include, but not be limited  
22 to, the following information:

23 (1) The number of persons eligible for these  
24 services.

25 (2) The number of persons who applied for these  
26 services.

27 (3) The number of persons who currently receive  
28 these services.

29 (4) The nature, scope, and cost of services  
30 provided under paragraph 7 of Section 5-2.

31 (5) The comparative cost of providing those

1 services in a hospital, skilled nursing facility, or  
2 intermediate care facility.

3 (6) The funding sources for the provision of  
4 services, including federal financial participation.

5 (7) The qualifications, skills, and availability of  
6 caregivers for children receiving services.

7 The report shall also include information regarding the  
8 extent to which the existing programs could provide coverage  
9 for mentally disabled children who are currently being  
10 provided services in an institution who could otherwise be  
11 served in a less-restrictive, community-based setting for the  
12 same or a lower cost.

13 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
14 becoming law.