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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 759

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 759 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Children and Family Services Act is amended
5 by adding Section 5.25 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 505/5.25 new)

7 Sec. 5.25. Behavioral health services.

8 (a) Every child in the care of the Department of Children
9 and Family Services under this Act shall receive the necessary
10 behavioral health services including but not limited to: mental
11 health services, trauma services, substance abuse services,
12 and developmental disabilities services. The provision of
13 these services may be provided in milieu including but not
14 limited to: integrated assessment, treatment plans, individual
15 and group therapy, specialized foster care, community based
16 programming, licensed residential services, psychosocial
17 rehabilitation, screening assessment and support services,
18 hospitalization, and transitional planning and referral to the
19 Department of Human Services for appropriate services when the
20 child reaches adulthood. Services shall be appropriate to meet
21 the needs of the individual child and may be provided to the
22 child at the site of the program, facility, or foster home or
23 at an otherwise appropriate location. A program facility, or
24 home, shall assist the Department staff in arranging for a

1 child to receive behavioral health services from an outside
2 provider when those services are necessary to meet the child's
3 needs and the child wishes to receive them.

4 (b) Not later than January 1, 2006, the Department shall
5 file a proposed rule or a proposed amendment to an existing
6 rule regarding the provision of behavioral health services to
7 children who have serious behavioral health needs. The proposal
8 shall address, but is not limited to, the implementation of the
9 following: integrated assessment, treatment plans, individual
10 and group therapy, specialized foster care, community based
11 programming, licensed residential services, psychosocial
12 rehabilitation, hospitalization, and transitional planning and
13 referral to the Department of Human Services for appropriate
14 services when the child reaches adulthood.

15 (c) In preparation for the comprehensive implementation of
16 the behavioral health system, the Department shall also prepare
17 an assessment of behavioral health community services
18 available to the Department in the State. The assessment shall
19 evaluate the resources needed in each region to provide
20 appropriate behavioral health services for all of the
21 Department's foster children within the region's service area
22 who are in need of behavioral health services. The assessments
23 shall include, at a minimum, an analysis of the current
24 availability and needs in each of the following areas:
25 comprehensive integrated assessment, trauma services, mental
26 health treatment, qualified mental health professionals,
27 community providers, programs for psychosocial rehabilitation,
28 and programs for substance abuse. By January 1, 2007, the
29 Department shall complete all required individual and regional
30 assessments and shall submit a written report to the Governor
31 and the General Assembly that describes the results of the
32 assessment and contains a specific plan to address the
33 identified needs for services."