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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 2747

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 2747 by replacing
3 the title with the following:

4 "AN ACT concerning corrections, which may be referred to as
5 the Access to Religious Ministry Act of 2008."; and

6 by replacing everything after the enacting clause with the
7 following:

8 "Section 5. The County Jail Act is amended by adding
9 Section 26 as follows:

10 (730 ILCS 125/26 new)

11 Sec. 26. Detainees in immigration custody; religious
12 worker access to jails.

13 (a) Any county jail in the State of Illinois for which an
14 intergovernmental agreement has been entered into with United
15 States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) for detention

1 of immigration-related detainees shall be required to provide
2 to religious workers reasonable access to such jail. Such
3 access shall be consistent with the safety, security, and
4 orderly operation of the facility.

5 (b) For purposes of this Section, "reasonable access" means
6 the ability of the religious worker to enter the jail facility
7 to be available to meet with immigration detainees who wish to
8 consult with the religious worker regarding their spiritual and
9 other needs. Such access shall be at times set by the sheriff
10 or his or her designee that offer reasonable and equitable
11 opportunities for the detainees to meet and consult with
12 religious workers. The facility shall provide advance notice to
13 the immigration detainees of the times during which religious
14 workers shall be available for consultation under this Section,
15 and shall not limit the access of detainees to such religious
16 workers without good cause. Consultations with religious
17 workers under this Section and any other visits to detainees by
18 religious workers outside such consultation periods shall not
19 be counted against the visitation time or number of visits to
20 which a detainee is otherwise entitled under the facility's
21 visitation policies.

22 (c) The sheriff or his or her designee shall have the right
23 to screen and approve individuals seeking access to immigration
24 detainees at the facility under this Act to ensure that such
25 individuals are in fact bona fide clergy, members of religious
26 orders, or lay volunteers representing established and

1 reputable religious institutions."