

1 AN ACT concerning health.

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

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Technology-Based Young Adult Day Program Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions. In this Act:

7 "Augmentative communication system" includes, but is not
8 limited to, a speech output device, mounts, switches, cables,
9 scanners, portable printers, software, and enlargers.

10 "Department" means the Department of Human Services.

11 "Developmental disability" has the meaning given to that
12 term in the Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities Law.

13 "Program" means the technology-based day program for young
14 adults established under this Act.

15 "Technology-based" means the use of (i) augmentative
16 communication systems, (ii) desktop or laptop computers,
17 together with related components such as color printers,
18 monitors, keyboards, and Internet access, and (iii)
19 environmental controls to perform activities that include, but
20 are not limited to, turning lights on and off, changing
21 television channels, and selecting music.

22 "Young adult" means a person at least 18 years of age but
23 not more than 30 years of age.

1 Section 10. Young adult day program.

2 (a) The Department shall establish an innovative
3 technology-based day program for young adults with a
4 developmental disability as provided in this Section. The goal
5 of the program shall be to assist young adults participating in
6 the program in pursuing higher education, securing employment,
7 building social relationships, and participating in community
8 activities. The program shall include, but need not be limited
9 to, the following features:

10 (1) One-to-one assistance for program participants.

11 (2) The use of augmentative communication systems and
12 computers, with related technological support.

13 In developing the program, the Department shall seek the
14 assistance of the Illinois Assistive Technology Program. The
15 Department shall establish the program in 3 phases as described
16 in subsections (b) through (d).

17 (b) In the State fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008, the
18 Department shall establish a pilot technology-based day
19 program for 8 young adults in DuPage County. The pilot program
20 shall operate between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. On
21 or before April 15, 2009, the Department shall report to the
22 General Assembly concerning the operation of the pilot program
23 under this subsection. On and after July 1, 2009, the
24 Department may expand the pilot program to other areas of the
25 State.

1 (c) In the State fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009, the
2 Department shall continue the program as authorized under
3 subsection (b) and in addition shall make training and
4 technology resources available to the State Superintendent of
5 Education to provide secondary school students statewide with
6 skills they need for higher education and employment. These
7 resources may include, but need not be limited to: occupational
8 therapy, physical therapy, and speech and vision therapy
9 services; medical and personal hygiene services; and
10 transportation coordination services. The goal of this phase of
11 the program shall be to ensure that all students graduate from
12 high school with the skills they need for higher education and
13 employment.

14 (d) In the State fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010, the
15 Department shall continue the program as authorized under
16 subsections (b) and (c) and in addition shall establish a
17 community-integrated living arrangement (CILA) pilot program
18 that emphasizes technology for independent living, including
19 but not limited to environmental controls in a residential
20 setting to foster independence and self-esteem. On or before
21 April 15, 2011, the Department shall report to the General
22 Assembly concerning the operation of the CILA pilot program
23 under this subsection. On and after July 1, 2011, the
24 Department may expand the CILA pilot program to other areas of
25 the State.

26 (e) In State fiscal years beginning July 1, 2011 and

1 thereafter, the Department shall continue the program as
2 authorized under subsections (b), (c), and (d).

3 Section 15. Program subject to appropriations. The
4 Department's implementation of this Act is subject to
5 appropriations made to the Department for that purpose.