

HB4334



95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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by Rep. Al Riley

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 1705/4.4 new

Amends the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Administrative Act. Subject to appropriation, requires the Department of Human Services to operate Community Resource Centers at each of its 9 State-operated developmental centers. Provides that the objective of the Community Resource Centers is to improve services delivered in the community by providing the services of the skilled State workforce to individuals residing in community settings when individuals need those services.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning government.

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

4 Section 5. The Mental Health and Developmental
5 Disabilities Administrative Act is amended by adding Section
6 4.4 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 1705/4.4 new)

8 Sec. 4.4. Community Resource Centers.

9 (a) The General Assembly finds that many individuals with
10 developmental disabilities, in consultation with their family
11 members or legal guardians, or both, seek care in
12 State-operated developmental centers because of the extensive
13 array of services available in those settings. Other
14 individuals with developmental disabilities, in consultation
15 with their family members or legal guardians, or both, choose
16 to receive services in community residential settings or in
17 their own homes. However, these individuals may find that
18 critical services are simply unavailable when needed in many
19 community settings. As a result, these individuals and their
20 families face unnecessary hardships and risk unnecessary
21 service disruptions. In order for the Department of Human
22 Services to meet its responsibility to protect the health and
23 welfare of persons with developmental disabilities, the

1 appropriate services, provided by trained and qualified
2 workers, must be available and accessible. State-operated
3 developmental centers are uniquely positioned to provide these
4 services because the higher needs of the current center
5 residents necessitate the presence of highly trained and
6 specialized staff.

7 (b) Subject to appropriation, the Department of Human
8 Services shall operate Community Resource Centers at each of
9 its 9 State-operated developmental centers. The objective of
10 the Community Resource Centers is to improve services delivered
11 in the community by providing the services of the skilled State
12 workforce to individuals residing in community settings when
13 individuals need those services. These services shall be
14 provided on an inpatient or outpatient basis or in the
15 resident's home or other settings. The services shall include,
16 but need not be limited to, services already available to
17 individuals residing at State-operated developmental centers
18 including, but not limited to, the following:

19 (1) Providing direct care services for individuals
20 with developmental disabilities, including, but not
21 limited to, medical services, podiatric services, dental
22 services, respite care, psychiatric services, behavioral
23 services, geriatric services, post-operative convalescent
24 care, crisis medical and behavioral care, communication
25 services, educational and vocational services, and
26 adaptive equipment. These services shall be made available

1 when appropriate upon the request of the individual, the
2 individual's guardian, or the individual's service
3 provider.

4 (2) Advising and assisting community-based providers
5 with individual program planning services, including, but
6 not limited to, review of medications and behavioral plans.
7 These services shall be made available upon the request of
8 the individual's service provider.

9 (3) Providing specialized training in the unique needs
10 of individuals with developmental disabilities for direct
11 care practitioners and students, including, but not
12 limited to, doctors, dentists, podiatrists, psychiatrists,
13 and other health practitioners and students.