



Disability Services Committee

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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 284

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 284 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Child Care Act of 1969 is amended by adding
5 Section 3.5 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 10/3.5 new)

7 Sec. 3.5. Group homes for adolescents diagnosed with
8 autism.

9 (a) Subject to appropriation, the Department of Human
10 Services, Developmental Disabilities Division, shall provide
11 for the establishment of 3 children's group homes for
12 adolescents who have been diagnosed with autism and who are at
13 least 15 years of age and not more than 18 years of age. The
14 homes shall be located in 3 separate geographical areas of the
15 State. The homes shall operate 7 days per week and shall be
16 staffed 24 hours per day. The homes shall feature maximum

1 family involvement based on a service and support agreement
2 signed by the adolescent's family and the provider. An eligible
3 service provider: (i) must have a minimum of 5 years experience
4 serving individuals with autism residentially and have
5 successfully supported individuals with challenging behaviors;
6 (ii) must demonstrate that staff have equal experience in this
7 regard; and (iii) must have a full-time Board-Certified
8 Behavior Analyst on staff.

9 (b) The provider shall ensure that the staff at each home
10 receives appropriate training in matters that include, but need
11 not be limited to, the following: behavior analysis, skill
12 training, and other methodologies of teaching such as discreet
13 trial and picture exchange communication system.

14 (c) The homes shall provide therapeutic and other support
15 services to the adolescents being served there. The therapeutic
16 curriculum shall be based on the principles of applied behavior
17 analysis.

18 (d) An agreeable rate shall be established by the
19 Department of Children and Family Services and the Department
20 of Human Services, Developmental Disabilities Division.

21 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
22 2007.".