



## 96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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HB0754

Introduced 2/6/2009, by Rep. Sara Feigenholtz

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 1305/10-65 new

Amends the Department of Human Services Act. Provides that the Department of Human Services Division of Mental Health under the leadership of Secretary of the Department of Human Services and as the State Mental Health Authority, in an effort to develop and establish a comprehensive State mental health plan for Illinois and to coordinate all policy making in mental health, shall convene and lead a Work Group composed of directors of State agencies and principal stakeholders in the public mental health system. Provides that the Work Group is charged with designing Illinois' mental health system to be more efficient and effective as well as reduce redundancies in the delivery of services to persons with mental illnesses. Sets forth items that must be included in the Illinois Comprehensive State Mental Health Plan. Sets forth other Work Group functions.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

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

4 Section 5. The Department of Human Services Act is amended  
5 by adding Section 10-65 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 1305/10-65 new)

7 Sec. 10-65. Mental Health Work Group.

8 (a) The Department's Division of Mental Health under the  
9 leadership of Secretary and as the State Mental Health  
10 Authority, in an effort to develop and establish a  
11 comprehensive State mental health plan for Illinois and to  
12 coordinate the policy making in mental health, shall convene  
13 and lead a Work Group composed of directors of State agencies  
14 and principal stakeholders in the public mental health system,  
15 including but not limited to:

16 (1) The Department of Human Services in the program  
17 areas of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse, Community Health  
18 and Prevention, Developmental Disabilities, Human Capital  
19 Development, and Rehabilitation Services.

20 (2) The Department of Healthcare and Family Services.

21 (3) The Department of Corrections.

22 (4) The Department of Juvenile Justice.

23 (5) The Department of Children and Family Services.

1           (6) The Department of Public Health.

2           (7) The Department on Aging.

3           (8) The State Board of Education.

4           The Work Group shall also include representatives of other  
5 agencies and commissions of State government, including:

6           (9) The Illinois Housing Authority.

7           (10) The Illinois Violence Prevention Authority.

8           (11) The Criminal Justice Information Authority.

9           The Work Group shall also include adult consumers of mental  
10 health services and parents of youth with serious emotional  
11 disturbance.

12           The Work Group shall also include clinical practitioners,  
13 academics, advocacy groups, and other stakeholders as deemed  
14 appropriate by the mental health authority.

15           (b) The Department's Division of Mental Health, as the  
16 State Mental Health Authority, shall work with other State  
17 agencies to develop mechanisms to share data maintained by any  
18 State agency purchasing or providing mental health services as  
19 permitted by law. This access is deemed necessary by the State  
20 Mental Health Authority to report on the status of the mental  
21 health service system in Illinois.

22           (c) The Work Group is charged with designing Illinois'  
23 mental health system to be more efficient and effective as well  
24 as reduce redundancies in the delivery of services to persons  
25 with mental illnesses in the following ways:

26           (1) Conducting a thorough statewide needs assessment

1 and reporting on the current status of the mental health  
2 system using data from all state agencies.

3 (2) Developing a comprehensive State mental health  
4 plan.

5 (3) Identifying and recommending policy,  
6 organizational, and financing changes required to  
7 effectively carry out the State plan.

8 (4) Coordinating policy with other State agencies and  
9 on all federal initiatives.

10 (5) Working with the Illinois Children's Mental Health  
11 Partnership to incorporate a children's mental health plan  
12 to ensure a comprehensive State mental health plan for all  
13 ages.

14 (6) Establishing cross-departmental management teams  
15 to address specific policy areas, address specific  
16 transformation planning objectives, and implement and  
17 monitor policy decisions. Specific focus shall be given to  
18 cross-departmental management of the long-term care system  
19 as the State moves to rebalancing resources and services  
20 and maximizing resources in community-based settings to  
21 ensure an appropriate level of services across a  
22 comprehensive continuum of care.

23 (d) The Work Group shall coordinate its policy and planning  
24 activities with other State-federal initiative planning and  
25 leadership groups.

26 (e) The "Illinois Comprehensive State Mental Health Plan"

1 shall include but need not be limited to the following:

2 (1) A review and analysis of all laws, rules and  
3 regulations, and programs and policies of the State of  
4 Illinois and of the departments, commissions, boards,  
5 agencies, and offices in the executive branch thereof,  
6 which pertain to mental health care services and supports.  
7 The analysis shall identify barriers to access and make  
8 recommendations that will enable the residents of Illinois  
9 who require assistance to access needed mental health care  
10 services.

11 (2) The development of proposals for administrative  
12 restructuring of existing and future programs, policies,  
13 and procedures to improve the mental health care delivery  
14 system, including non-medical services such as  
15 transportation, housing, education, and vocational  
16 assistance, that are necessary for recovery and productive  
17 community-based living for persons with mental illnesses,  
18 which are achievable within resources available to the  
19 State.

20 (3) An analysis of programmatic, procedural, and  
21 fiscal impacts of any current or proposed policies or  
22 practices.

23 (4) Exploration of and recommendations as to methods to  
24 secure sufficient funding and develop and manage  
25 cross-agency (braided) funding to provide community-based  
26 services for persons needing mental health care services.

1           (5) Recommendations on strategies to educate the  
2           public regarding identification of mental health care  
3           needs, effective treatments for mental illness, and  
4           methods of accessing services.

5           (f) In conducting the assessment of the current system,  
6           developing the Comprehensive State Mental Health Plan, and  
7           executing other work of the group, the Work Group shall:

8           (1) Review all relevant work in progress or which has  
9           been completed by State departments, various statewide  
10           task forces, councils, commissions, and other bodies that  
11           have convened to address related mental health care issues.

12           (2) Consider all existing studies, reports, and  
13           settlement agreements related to the Illinois system of  
14           mental health services and supports.

15           (3) Obtain input from a broad range of stakeholders,  
16           including consumers, their family members, advocates, and  
17           private providers of services.

18           (4) Use consultation from nationally recognized  
19           experts and officials in other states in order to identify  
20           promising or proven practices that are consumer-centered,  
21           research-based, cost-effective, and applicable to  
22           improving accessibility, capacity, quality, and financing  
23           across all mental health care services and supports which  
24           may be adaptable in Illinois.

25           (g) Upon submittal to the Governor and the General Assembly  
26           of the Illinois Comprehensive State Mental Health Plan, the

1 Work Group shall continue to meet quarterly to review progress  
2 in the implementation of the plan and shall revise the plan as  
3 needed based on lessons learned, stakeholder input, and  
4 advancements in best practices for the delivery of mental  
5 health care services.

6 (h) All departments, commissions, boards, offices,  
7 entities, agencies, and officers of the State of Illinois, or  
8 any political subdivision thereof, are authorized and directed  
9 to cooperate with the implementation of this amendatory Act of  
10 the 96th General Assembly.