

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 5. The Community Services Act is amended by adding  
5 Section 6 as follows:

6 (405 ILCS 30/6 new)

7 Sec. 6. Geographic analysis of supports and services in  
8 community settings.

9 (a) For purposes of this Section:

10 "Direct support professionals" means direct support  
11 workers, direct care workers, personal assistants, personal  
12 attendants, and paraprofessionals that provide assistance to  
13 individuals with developmental disabilities or mental illness  
14 in the form of daily living, and provide the habilitation,  
15 rehabilitation, and training needs of these individuals.

16 "Licensed professionals" means, but is not limited to,  
17 dentists, dental hygienists, dental assistants, advanced  
18 practice nurses, licensed practical nurses, registered nurses,  
19 psychiatrists, psychologists, and qualified mental health  
20 professionals.

21 "Supports and services" means direct support  
22 professionals, licensed professionals, and residential  
23 services, including, but not limited to, private residences,

1 community-integrated living arrangements, supported  
2 residential programs, supervised residential programs, or  
3 supportive housing programs.

4 (b) Long-term care rebalancing. Pursuant to Public Act  
5 96-1501, the State of Illinois has established a long-term care  
6 rebalancing initiative. This amendatory Act of the 97th General  
7 Assembly seeks to further the goals of that initiative by  
8 ensuring that individuals with developmental disabilities or  
9 mental illness who utilize long-term care services under the  
10 medical assistance program and other long-term care related  
11 benefit programs administered by the State have meaningful  
12 access to a reasonable array of community-based and  
13 institutional program options. Furthermore, the General  
14 Assembly declares that it is the policy of the State to ensure  
15 that the clinical, habilitative, and social needs of  
16 individuals with developmental disabilities or mental illness  
17 who choose to reside in integrated community-based settings can  
18 have those needs met in integrated community-based settings. In  
19 order to meaningfully comply with this policy, the General  
20 Assembly must have an understanding of the existing capacity in  
21 integrated-community based settings, including direct support  
22 professionals and licensed professionals, such as dentists,  
23 nurses, and psychiatrists, as well as residential capacity to  
24 provide for these needs.

25 (c) By no later than July 1, 2012, subject to  
26 appropriation, the Department shall conduct a geographic

1 analysis of supports and services for individuals with  
2 developmental disabilities or mental illness. The Department  
3 may work with other State agencies to perform the geographic  
4 analysis or to gather data for purposes of performing the  
5 geographic analysis. This analysis shall also identify gaps  
6 between required supports and services by region of the State.  
7 The Department shall prepare a final report by no later than  
8 January 1, 2013 that shall be made available to the Governor  
9 and shall be presented by the Department to the appropriate  
10 standing committees in the Senate, as determined by and on a  
11 date determined by the President of the Senate, and the House  
12 of Representatives, as determined by and on a date determined  
13 by the Speaker of the House. The final report shall be made  
14 available to the public and shall be published on the  
15 Department's website in an appropriate location a minimum of  
16 one week prior to presentation of the report to the General  
17 Assembly.

18 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
19 becoming law.