

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 Child Vision and Hearing Test Act is amended  
5 by adding Section 5.5 as follows:

6 (410 ILCS 205/5.5 new)

7 Sec. 5.5. Auditory-visual integration assessment pilot  
8 program. In addition to the program of hearing screening  
9 services and the program of vision screening services  
10 established by the Department under this Act, the Department,  
11 in consultation with the State Board of Education, shall  
12 establish an auditory-visual integration assessment pilot  
13 program in selected school districts in the northern region of  
14 the State, to be determined by the State Board of Education.  
15 The pilot program shall do the following:

16 (1) Require each pupil in the selected school districts  
17 in those grade levels where visual screening is required to  
18 undergo a base-level auditory-visual integration  
19 screening, which shall be a pass-or-fail spatial  
20 localization test.

21 (2) Require a more detailed evaluation of students who  
22 fail the base-level auditory-visual integration screening.  
23 This level of assessment shall include quantitative and

1 qualitative measurements of both auditory-visual  
2 integration function and spatial navigation ability and  
3 shall result in specific recommendations for interventions  
4 that may be needed.

5 (3) Provide a training program for qualified  
6 individuals on how to conduct in-school base-level  
7 auditory-visual integration screenings.

8 (4) Provide a training program for occupational  
9 therapists, physical therapists, speech therapists,  
10 optometrists, and community health clinic professionals  
11 throughout the State to perform detailed evaluations.

12 (5) Provide training for optometrists throughout the  
13 State to prescribe appropriate interventions.

14 The Department and the State Board of Education shall adopt  
15 rules to implement this Section.

16 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
17 becoming law.