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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 5412

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 5412 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Department of Public Health Powers and
5 Duties Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is
6 amended by adding Section 2310-685 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 2310/2310-685 new)

8 Sec. 2310-685. Integrated team-based health care;
9 community health workers; creation of board.

10 (a) In this Section:

11 "Community health worker" or "CHW" means a frontline public
12 health worker who is a trusted member or has an unusually close
13 understanding of the community served. This trusting
14 relationship enables the CHW to serve as a liaison, link, and
15 intermediary between health and social services and the
16 community to facilitate access to services and improve the

1 quality and cultural competence of service delivery. A CHW also
2 builds individual and community capacity by increasing health
3 knowledge and self-sufficiency through a range of activities,
4 including outreach, community education, informal counseling,
5 social support, and advocacy.

6 "Community health worker practice" includes education,
7 training, and experience on the core competencies in order to
8 effectively provide services to the communities and
9 populations served through a variety of distinct roles that are
10 indicative of community health worker best practices.

11 (b) The core competencies of a community health worker
12 include skills and areas of knowledge that are essential to
13 bringing about expanded health and wellness in diverse
14 communities and to reduce health disparities. As members of
15 communities and health teams, the core competencies for
16 effective community health workers may include, but are not
17 limited to:

18 (1) outreach methods and strategies;

19 (2) client and community assessment;

20 (3) effective community-based and participatory
21 methods, including research;

22 (4) culturally competent communication and care;

23 (5) health education for behavior change;

24 (6) support, advocacy, and health system navigation
25 for clients;

26 (7) application of public health concepts and

1 approaches;

2 (8) individual and community capacity building and
3 mobilization; and

4 (9) writing, oral, and technical communication skills.

5 (c) Nothing in this Section shall permit a certified or
6 non-certified community health worker to engage in or perform
7 any act or service for which a license issued by a professional
8 licensing board is required.

9 (d) Within 90 days after the effective date of this
10 amendatory Act of the 98th General Assembly, the Director shall
11 establish and appoint the Illinois Community Health Worker
12 Advisory Board (Board). The Board shall propose to the
13 Department leadership the training and certification processes
14 for community health workers. The Board shall also advise the
15 Department, the Governor, and the General Assembly on all
16 matters that impact the effective work of community health
17 workers.

18 (e) The Board shall be comprised of 11 voting members. At
19 least 6 members of the Board shall be community health workers,
20 representing different racial and ethnic backgrounds and
21 geographic areas, one of whom shall have served as a health
22 insurance marketplace navigator. One member shall be a
23 representative of the community colleges, universities, and
24 educational institutions that may provide CHW training. The
25 remaining positions shall be filled with 4 individual
26 representatives appointed from the following categories, with

1 no fewer than 3 categories being represented:

2 (1) health care or public health professionals, who are
3 not community health workers, with community health and
4 supervision experience, such as nurses and physicians; and

5 (2) training or curriculum specialists; and

6 (3) social service or social science professionals,
7 such as social workers, counselors, anthropologists, and
8 community psychologists; and

9 (4) agency administrators and CHW employer
10 representatives or program administrators, excluding upper
11 management; and

12 (5) health policy advisors, with experience in health
13 care workforce policy.

14 (f) The Board shall also include non-voting, ex-officio
15 members from the following State agencies:

16 (1) the Illinois Community College Board;

17 (2) the Department on Aging;

18 (3) the Department of Children and Family Services;

19 (4) the Department of Commerce and Economic
20 Opportunity;

21 (5) the Department of Employment Security;

22 (6) the Department of Financial and Professional
23 Regulation;

24 (7) the Department of Healthcare and Family Services;

25 (8) the Department of Human Services; and

26 (9) the Department of Public Health.

1 (g) The Director shall designate a chairperson from the 11
2 voting members of the Board. The Board shall consult with
3 additional experts as needed.

4 (h) The Board shall develop and submit a proposed plan by
5 December 31, 2014 for the certification process of community
6 health workers to the Director of Public Health, the Governor,
7 and the General Assembly within 9 months after their first
8 meeting that shall include:

9 (1) researching best practices and proposing
10 curriculum and training programs as models for designing an
11 Illinois certification process, including the
12 consideration of a multi-tiered educational or training
13 system, which may include statewide certification,
14 non-certification, and degree-based levels, and the
15 requirements for experience-based certification;

16 (2) recommending certification and renewal processes
17 and a system of approval and accreditation for curriculum
18 and training;

19 (3) ensuring that the content, methodology,
20 development, and delivery of any proposed programs is
21 appropriate based on cultural, geographic, and other
22 specialty needs and reflective of relevant CHW scope of
23 practice; and

24 (4) investigating and identifying best practices for
25 reimbursement options and pathways through which secure
26 funding for community health workers may be obtained.

1 (i) Members of the Board shall serve without compensation,
2 but may be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred as a
3 result of their duties as members of the Board from funds
4 appropriated by the General Assembly for that purpose.

5 (j) The Department shall provide administrative and staff
6 support to the Board.

7 (k) The Board shall be dissolved on January 1, 2015.".