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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 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Community Health Worker Advisory Board Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions. In this Act:

7 "Board" means the Community Health Worker Advisory Board.

8 "Community health worker" means a frontline public health
9 worker who is a trusted member or has an unusually close
10 understanding of the community served. This trusting
11 relationship enables the community health worker to serve as a
12 liaison, link, and intermediary between health and social
13 services and the community to facilitate access to services and
14 improve the quality and cultural competence of service
15 delivery. A community health worker also builds individual and
16 community capacity by increasing health knowledge and

1 self-sufficiency through a range of activities, including
2 outreach, community education, informal counseling, social
3 support, and advocacy. Nothing in this definition shall be
4 construed to authorize a community health worker to provide
5 direct care or treatment to any person or to perform any act or
6 service for which a license issued by a professional licensing
7 board is required.

8 "Department" means the Department of Public Health.

9 Section 10. Advisory Board.

10 (a) There is created the Advisory Board on Community Health
11 Workers. The Board shall consist of 15 members appointed by the
12 Director of Public Health. The Director shall make the
13 appointments to the Board within 90 days after the effective
14 date of this Act. The members of the Board shall represent
15 different racial and ethnic backgrounds and have the
16 qualifications as follows:

17 (1) four members who currently serve as community
18 health worker in Cook County, one of whom shall have served
19 as a health insurance marketplace navigator;

20 (2) two members who currently serves as a community
21 health worker in DuPage, Kane, Lake, or Will County;

22 (3) one member who currently serves a community health
23 worker in Bond, Calhoun, Clinton, Jersey, Macoupin,
24 Madison, Monroe, Montgomery, Randolph, St. Clair, or
25 Washington County;

1 (4) one member who currently serves as a community
2 health worker in any other county in the State;

3 (5) one member who is a physician licensed to practice
4 medicine in Illinois;

5 (6) one member who is a licensed nurse or advanced
6 practice nurse;

7 (7) one member who is a licensed social worker,
8 counselor, or psychologist;

9 (8) one member who currently employs community health
10 workers;

11 (9) one member who is a health policy advisor with
12 experience in health workforce policy;

13 (10) one member who is a public health professional
14 with experience with community health policy; and

15 (11) one representative of a community college,
16 university, or educational institution that provides
17 training to community health workers.

18 (b) In addition, the following persons or their designees
19 shall serve as ex officio, non-voting members of the Board: the
20 Executive Director of the Illinois Community College Board, the
21 Director of Children and Family Services, the Director of
22 Aging, the Director of Public Health, the Director of
23 Employment Security, the Director of Commerce and Economic
24 Opportunity, the Secretary of Financial and Professional
25 Regulation, the Director of Healthcare and Family Services, and
26 the Secretary of Human Services.

1 (c) The voting members of the Board shall select a
2 chairperson from the voting members of the Board. The Board
3 shall consult with additional experts as needed. Members of the
4 Board shall serve without compensation. The Department shall
5 provide administrative and staff support to the Board. The
6 meetings of the Board are subject to the provisions of the Open
7 Meetings Act.

8 (d) The Board shall consider the core competencies of a
9 community health worker, including skills and areas of
10 knowledge that are essential to bringing about expanded health
11 and wellness in diverse communities and reducing health
12 disparities. As relating to members of communities and health
13 teams, the core competencies for effective community health
14 workers may include, but are not limited to:

- 15 (1) outreach methods and strategies;
- 16 (2) client and community assessment;
- 17 (3) effective community-based and participatory
18 methods, including research;
- 19 (4) culturally competent communication and care;
- 20 (5) health education for behavior change;
- 21 (6) support, advocacy, and health system navigation
22 for clients;
- 23 (7) application of public health concepts and
24 approaches;
- 25 (8) individual and community capacity building and
26 mobilization; and

1 (9) writing, oral, technical, and communication
2 skills.

3 Section 15. Report.

4 (a) The Board shall develop a report with its
5 recommendations regarding the certification process of
6 community health workers. The report shall be completed no
7 later than 12 months after the first meeting of the Board. The
8 report shall be submitted to all members and ex officio members
9 of the Board, the Governor, the President of the Senate, the
10 Minority Leader of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of
11 Representatives, and the Minority Leader of the House of
12 Representatives. The Department shall publish the report on its
13 Internet website.

14 (b) The report shall at a minimum include the following:

15 (1) a summary of research regarding the best practices,
16 curriculum, and training programs for designing a
17 certification program in this State for community health
18 workers, including a consideration of a multi-tiered
19 education or training system, statewide certification,
20 non-certification degree-based levels of certification,
21 and the requirements for experience-based certification;

22 (2) recommendations regarding certification and a
23 renewal process for community health workers, and a system
24 of approval and accreditation for curriculum and training;

25 (3) recommendations for a proposed curriculum for

1 community health workers that ensures the content,
2 methodology, development, and delivery of any proposed
3 program is appropriately based on cultural, geographic,
4 and other specialty needs and also reflects relevant
5 responsibilities for community health workers; and

6 (4) recommendations for best practices for
7 reimbursement options and pathways through which secure
8 funding for community health workers may be obtained.

9 (c) The Board shall advise the Department, the Governor,
10 and the General Assembly on all matters that impact the
11 effective work of community health workers.

12 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
13 becoming law."