

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 1. Short title. This Act may be known as the Down  
5 Syndrome Information and Awareness Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions. As used in this Act:

7 "Clearinghouse" means a central institution or agency for  
8 the collection, maintenance, and distribution of materials  
9 related to Down syndrome.

10 "Department" means the Department of Public Health.

11 "Down syndrome" means a chromosomal condition caused by an  
12 error in cell division that results in the presence of an extra  
13 whole or partial copy of chromosome 21.

14 "First call program" means a volunteer group of individuals  
15 who make themselves available to parents of children newly  
16 diagnosed with Down syndrome.

17 "Health care provider" means any physician, hospital  
18 facility, or other person that is licensed or otherwise  
19 authorized to deliver health care services.

20 Section 10. Down syndrome information. The Department  
21 shall make available up-to-date, evidence-based written  
22 information about Down syndrome that has been reviewed by

1 medical experts and State and national Down syndrome  
2 organizations, including physical, developmental, educational  
3 and psychosocial outcomes, life expectancy, clinical course,  
4 intellectual and functional development, and treatment  
5 options. The written information shall include contact  
6 information regarding first call programs and clearinghouses,  
7 national, State and local Down syndrome organizations, and  
8 other educational and support programs. The Department shall  
9 make this information available to persons who render prenatal  
10 care, postnatal care, or genetic counseling to parents who  
11 receive a prenatal or postnatal diagnosis of Down syndrome. The  
12 Department shall also make this information available to any  
13 person who has received a positive test result from a test for  
14 Down syndrome. The information provided under this Section  
15 shall be culturally and linguistically appropriate for a woman  
16 receiving a positive prenatal diagnosis of Down syndrome and  
17 for the family of a child receiving a postnatal diagnosis of  
18 Down syndrome.

19 Section 15. Distribution of information to parents. A  
20 health care provider who renders prenatal or postnatal care or  
21 genetic counselor who renders genetic counseling may, upon  
22 receipt of a positive test result from a test for Down  
23 syndrome, provide the expectant or new parent with the  
24 information provided by the Department under Section 10 of this  
25 Act.