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- 1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 2437
- 2 AMENDMENT NO. ____. Amend House Bill 2437 as follows:
- 3 by replacing everything after the enacting clause with the
- 4 following:
- 5 "Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
- 6 Disabilities Services Act of 2001.
- 7 Section 5. Purpose. It is the purpose of this Act to
- 8 create an advisory committee to develop and implement a
- 9 disabilities services implementation plan as provided in
- 10 Section 20 to ensure compliance by the State of Illinois with
- 11 the Americans with Disabilities Act and the decision in
- 12 Olmstead v. L.C., 119 S.Ct. 2176 (1999).
- 13 Section 10. Definitions. In this Act:
- 14 "Disability" means a disability as defined by the
- 15 Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 that meets the
- 16 following criteria:
- 17 (1) It is attributable to a mental or physical
- 18 impairment or combination of mental and physical
- impairments.
- 20 (2) It results in a substantial functional

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limitation in 3 or more of the following areas of major life activity: (i) self-care, (ii) receptive and expressive language, (iii) learning, (iv) mobility, (v) self-direction, (vi) capacity for independent living, and (vii) economic sufficiency.

(3) It reflects the person's need for a combination and sequence of special, interdisciplinary, or general care, treatment, or other services that are of lifelong or of extended duration must be individually planned and coordinated.

"Department" means the Department on Aging, the Department of Human Services, the Department of Public Health, the Department of Public Aid, the University of Illinois Division of Specialized Care for Children, the Department of Children and Family Services, and the Illinois State Board of Education, where appropriate, as designated in the implementation plan developed under Section 20.

"Case coordination services means a goal-oriented process for the coordination of the range of services needed by persons with disabilities and their families. Case coordination services are designed to ensure accessibility, continuity of care, and accountability and to maximize the potential of persons with disabilities for independence, productivity, and integration into the community. coordination services include, at a minimum: (i) outreach to identify eligible individuals; (ii) assessment and periodic determine each individual's strengths, reassessment to functional limitations, and need for specific services; (iii) development of a comprehensive individual program plan; (iv) referral to and coordination of needed social, medical, educational support, and other services; (v) monitoring to ensure the delivery of appropriate services and to determine individual progress in meeting goals and objectives; and (vi) advocacy to assist the person in obtaining all services which

- 1 he or she requires to achieve his or her maximum potential.
- 2 "Chronological age-appropriate services" means services,
- 3 activities, and strategies for persons with disabilities that
- 4 are representative of the lifestyle activities of nondisabled
- 5 peers of similar age in the community.
- 6 "Comprehensive evaluation" means procedures and
- 7 assessments used to determine whether a person has a
- 8 disability and the nature and extent of the services that the
- 9 person with a disability needs. The term means procedures
- 10 used selectively with an individual.
- "Family" means a natural, adoptive, or foster parent or
- 12 parents or other person or persons responsible for the care
- of an individual with a disability in a family setting.
- "Family or individual support" means those resources and
- 15 services that are necessary to maintain a family member with
- 16 a disability within the family home. These services may
- include, but are not limited to, cash subsidy, respite care,
- 18 and counseling services.
- "Individual program plan" means a recorded assessment of
- 20 the needs of a person with a disability, a description of the
- 21 services recommended, the goals of each type of element of
- 22 service, an anticipated timetable for the accomplishment of
- 23 the goals, and a designation of the qualified professional
- responsible for the implementation of the plan.
- 25 "Least restrictive environment" means an environment that
- 26 represents the least departure from the normal patterns of
- 27 living and that effectively meets the needs of the person
- 28 receiving the service.
- 29 Section 15. Services. In accordance with this Section
- 30 and the individual plan based on a comprehensive evaluation,
- 31 persons with disabilities shall be provided the following
- 32 services under the Disabilities Services Implementation Plan
- 33 developed under Section 20:

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- (1) Comprehensive evaluation and diagnosis. A person with a suspected disability who is applying for disability services shall receive a comprehensive diagnosis and evaluation, including an assessment of skills, abilities, and potential for residential and work placement, adapted to his or her primary language, cultural background, and ethnic origin. All components of a comprehensive evaluation must be administered by a qualified examiner.
 - (2) Individual plan. A person with a disability shall receive services in accordance with a current individual plan. A person with a disability who is receiving services shall be provided periodic reevaluation and review of the individual program plan, at least twice each year, in order to measure progress, to modify or change objectives if necessary, and to provide guidance and remediation techniques.

A person with a disability and his or her representatives have the right to participate in the planning and decision-making process regarding the person's individual plan and to be informed in writing, or in that person's mode of communication, of progress at reasonable time intervals. Each person must be given the opportunity to make decisions and exercise options regarding the plan, consistent with the person's capabilities.

- (3) Nondiscriminatory access to services. A person with a disability may not be denied program services because of age, sex, ethnic origin, marital status, ability to pay (except where contrary to law), criminal record, degree of disability, or illness.
- (4) Family or individual support. A person with a disability must be provided family or individual support services, or both, to prevent unnecessary out-of-home

placement and to foster independent living skills.

- (5) Residential choices and options. A person with a disability who requires residential placement in a supervised or supported setting must be provided choices among various residential options. The placement must be offered in the least restrictive setting possible.
- (6) Education. A person with a disability has the right to a free, appropriate public education as provided in both State and federal law. Each local educational agency must prepare persons with disabilities for adult living. In anticipation of adulthood, each person with a disability has the right to a transition plan developed and ready for implementation before the person's exit from school.
- (7) Vocational training. A person with a disability must be provided vocational training, when appropriate, that contributes to the person's independence and employment potential. This training must include strategies and activities in programs that lead to employment and reemployment.
- (8) Employment. A person with a disability has the right to be employed free from discrimination, pursuant to the Constitution and laws of this State.
- (9) Case coordination services. A person with a disability must be provided case coordination services.
- (10) Due process. A person with a disability retains the rights of citizenship. Any person aggrieved by a decision of a department regarding services provided under this Act must be given an opportunity to present complaints at a due process hearing before a hearing officer designated by the director of that department. Any person aggrieved by a final administrative decision rendered following the due process hearing may seek judicial review of that decision

pursuant to the Administrative Review Law. The term

administrative decision" is defined as in Section 3-101

of the Code of Civil Procedure. Reasonable attorney's

fees and costs may be awarded to the successful plaintiff

in any formal administrative or judicial action under

this Act.

The right to a hearing under this item (10) is in addition to any other rights under federal, State, or local laws.

10 Section 20. Implementation.

or their families.

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- (a) The Governor, with the assistance of the Secretary 11 12 of Human Services, shall appoint an advisory committee to develop a Disabilities Services Implementation Plan that will 13 ensure compliance by the State of Illinois with the Americans 14 15 with Disabilities Act and the decision in Olmstead v. L.C., 119 S.Ct. 2176 (1999). The advisory committee shall be 16 17 composed of individuals who represent each principal 18 agency, local government agencies, and nongovernmental organizations concerned with services for persons 19 with 20 disabilities, and who represent individuals with disabilities
- 22 (b) The implementation plan must include, but need not 23 be limited to, the following:
- 24 (1) Establishing procedures for completing 25 comprehensive evaluations.
 - (2) Establishing procedures for the development of an individual plan for each person with a disability.
- 28 (3) Identifying core services to be provided by 29 agencies of the State of Illinois or other agencies.
- 30 (4) Establishing minimum standards for31 individualized services.
- 32 (5) Establishing minimum standards for residential 33 services in the least restrictive environment.

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- 1 (6) Establishing minimum standards for vocational services.
 - (7) Establishing due process hearing procedures.
 - (8) Establishing minimum standards for family support services.
 - (9) Securing financial resources necessary to fulfill the purposes and requirements of this Act, including but not limited to obtaining approval and implementing waivers or demonstrations authorized under federal law.
- 11 (c) The Governor, with the assistance of the Secretary 12 of Human Services, is responsible for the completion of the 13 implementation plan. The Governor must submit a report to the 14 General Assembly by October 1, 2001, which must include the 15 following:
 - (1) The implementation plan.
 - (2) A description of current and planned programs and services necessary to meet the requirements of the individual plans required by this Act, together with the actions to be taken by the State of Illinois to ensure that those plans will be implemented.
 - (3) The estimated costs of current and planned programs and services to be provided under the implementation plan.
 - (4) A report on the number of persons with disabilities who may be eligible to receive services under this Act, together with a report on the number of persons who are currently receiving those services.
 - (5) Any proposed changes in State policies laws, or regulations necessary to fulfill the purposes and requirements of this Act.
- 32 (d) The Governor, with the assistance of the Secretary 33 of Human Services, shall annually update the implementation 34 plan and report changes to the General Assembly by March 1 of

- 1 each year.
- 2 Section 25. Appropriations. Services shall be provided
- 3 under this Act to the extent that appropriations are made
- 4 available by the General Assembly for the programs and
- 5 services indicated in the implementation plan.
- 6 (405 ILCS 80/1-1 rep.)
- 7 (405 ILCS 80/1-2 rep.)
- 8 (405 ILCS 80/1-3 rep.)
- 9 (405 ILCS 80/1-4 rep.)
- 10 (405 ILCS 80/1-5 rep.)
- 11 Section 90. The Developmental Disability and Mental
- 12 Disability Services Act is amended by repealing Sections 1-1,
- 13 1-2, 1-3, 1-4, and 1-5 (the Developmental Disabilities
- 14 Services Law).
- 15 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
- 16 becoming law.".