

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Mental Health and Developmental
5 Disabilities Administrative Act is amended by adding Section
6 54.5 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 1705/54.5 new)

8 Sec. 54.5. Rates; community-based residential programs for
9 persons with developmental disabilities.

10 (a) The General Assembly finds that, due to economic
11 factors, it has become increasingly necessary for providers of
12 residential services to persons with developmental
13 disabilities to expand the number of persons with developmental
14 disabilities living together in community-based residential
15 programs funded by the Department. The General Assembly further
16 finds that, in order to enhance opportunities for persons with
17 developmental disabilities to live in the community with
18 dignity and individual privacy, and to maximize the benefits of
19 the supportive services provided in community-based
20 residential programs, it is necessary and appropriate to offer
21 financial incentives to providers so that they can establish
22 community-based residential programs of 4 or fewer individuals
23 living together.

1 (b) As used in this Section, "community-based residential
2 program" means one of a variety of living arrangements for
3 persons with developmental disabilities, including existing
4 settings, such as community integrated living arrangements,
5 community residential alternatives, assisted residential care,
6 supported residential care, and adult foster care, and may also
7 include newly developed settings that are consistent with this
8 definition. The term "developmental disability" includes an
9 autism spectrum disorder.

10 (c) The Department of Human Services shall establish
11 reimbursement rates that will create an incentive for providers
12 to establish community-based residential programs in which no
13 more than 4 persons with developmental disabilities reside
14 together and in which each person has his or her own individual
15 private bedroom.

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