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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 2915

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 2915 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 1. Public policy. The adoption and use of
5 technology is critical to the field of disabilities. The
6 benefits of incorporating newer and emerging technologies are
7 innumerable. And, for Illinois' citizens with disabilities,
8 the successful implementation of technology will result in an
9 enhanced quality of life and increased independence. The
10 immeasurable benefits will be felt statewide and may include:

11 (1) more persons with disabilities being able to live
12 in their own homes with fewer roommates and less dependence
13 on physical staff presence;

14 (2) mainstream technologies that incorporate
15 accessibility features into devices as a standard practice
16 and allow persons with disabilities to effectively use the
17 same devices as everyone else, allowing them to blend into

1 the fabric of the community;

2 (3) commercially available, off-the-shelf solutions
3 becoming increasingly affordable, more so than products
4 traditionally designed specifically for persons with
5 disabilities;

6 (4) many products designed to be mobile so that the
7 technology can go with a person from home to work to the
8 community, which will allow a level of flexibility that is
9 rare with older technologies; and

10 (5) providers being able to reallocate staffing
11 resources as the work force crisis is able to be addressed
12 through the implementation of technology.

13 Section 5. The Mental Health and Developmental
14 Disabilities Administrative Act is amended by adding Section
15 4.5 as follows:

16 (20 ILCS 1705/4.5 new)

17 Sec. 4.5. Assistive Technology for Persons with
18 Developmental Disabilities Pilot Program.

19 (a) Subject to appropriation, the Department shall
20 establish the Assistive Technology for Persons with
21 Developmental Disabilities Pilot Program hereinafter referred
22 to as the Pilot Program. The Pilot Program shall:

23 (1) serve persons with intellectual and developmental
24 disabilities currently receiving Home and Community-Based

1 Services in this State;

2 (2) fund only newer and emerging technologies not
3 covered under the existing Home and Community-Based
4 Services waiver;

5 (3) not affect existing funding of technologies that
6 are covered under the existing Home and Community-Based
7 Services waiver;

8 (4) include technology supports for a person in his or
9 her residence, day program, or community;

10 (5) assist persons with intellectual and developmental
11 disabilities to live person-centered lives of their own
12 choosing;

13 (6) examine the use and impact of technology supports
14 on the participating individuals' quality of life,
15 personal growth, and personal satisfaction with the
16 supports;

17 (7) examine the use and impact of the technology
18 supports on members of the greater intellectual and
19 developmental disabilities community as they live, work,
20 and play in their communities; and

21 (8) be administered via agreement between provider
22 agencies and the Department.

23 (b) The Department shall create a Request for Proposals
24 (RFP) for the Pilot Program and distribute it to all
25 community-based programs and organizations. Interested
26 programs and organizations must submit a completed RFP in order

1 to have their proposal considered for this Pilot Program. As
2 part of the RFP, organizations must:

3 (1) provide a general explanation of the type of
4 technology being proposed for the Pilot Program;

5 (2) describe the outcomes expected from the
6 implementation of the proposed technology;

7 (3) provide the name and qualifications of proposed
8 external vendors, if applicable; and

9 (4) estimate the anticipated annual expense of the
10 proposal and provide a breakdown of which expenses are
11 covered by the program or organization and which expenses
12 are covered by the Department under the Pilot Program.

13 (c) The Department shall select the proposals for the Pilot
14 Program.

15 (d) The Department shall notify the programs and
16 organizations that submitted proposals of its decision. The
17 programs and organizations selected for the Pilot Program
18 shall:

19 (1) identify the individuals who will be participating
20 in the approved projects;

21 (2) describe the expected outcomes for each individual
22 participating in the approved projects;

23 (3) incorporate the use of the technology in the
24 person's service plan and monitor progress quarterly;

25 (4) provide documentation of team agreement to
26 implement the technology;

1 (5) complete a technology assessment for each person
2 who is participating in the Pilot Program with the
3 assessment reflecting the appropriateness of the
4 technology being implemented; and

5 (6) provide training to participants and their support
6 staff on the technology being implemented. The training
7 shall include general information, expected outcomes, use
8 of devices, and maintenance, and repair of any equipment.

9 (e) If the selected proposals include remote support
10 technologies, programs and organizations shall:

11 (1) furnish informed consent documents signed by the
12 participant or his or her legal representative;

13 (2) describe the supervision requirements for each
14 participant and explain how the technology will meet those
15 requirements;

16 (3) provide a back-up plan for participants that
17 addresses system failures, inclement weather, and
18 emergency response; and

19 (4) develop and provide an individualized support
20 protocol with the remote support provider.

21 (f) The Pilot Program shall be established no later than
22 July 1, 2019, and projects shall begin no later than January 1,
23 2020. The duration of the Pilot Program shall be 2 years unless
24 recommended changes are made to the Home and Community-Based
25 Services waiver before that time in which case the technologies
26 shall continue to be funded under the parameters of the revised

1 waiver.

2 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
3 becoming law.".