



103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2023 and 2024

SB1752

Introduced 2/9/2023, by Sen. Paul Faraci

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 1305/10-26a new

Amends the Department of Human Services Act. Provides that by June 30, 2023, the Department of Human Services shall reduce the number of individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities on the Prioritization of Urgency of Need for Services (PUNS) database by no fewer than 800 persons. Provides that the number of persons listed shall be reduced each year by the following amounts: no fewer than 1,000 persons between July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025; and no fewer than 1,200 persons beginning July 1, 2025, and every July 1 thereafter, until the list of persons on the PUNS database awaiting State services is exhausted. Requires the Department to apply for all available federal funding options to increase services and supports for individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities. Provides that for future applicants, the Department shall provide adequate funding for the required services and supports for each individual listed in the seeking services category on the PUNS database within 90 calendar days after the individual is placed on the PUNS database after completing an enrollment form with a Department pre-admission screener. Provides that for future applicants, the Department shall identify the required services and supports for each individual listed in the planning for services category on the PUNS database within 180 calendar days after that individual is placed on the PUNS database after completing an enrollment form with a Department pre-admission screener. Requires the Department to annually report to the General Assembly, beginning September 30, 2024 and every September 30 thereafter, on the progress made in implementing the provisions of the amendatory Act. Effective immediately.

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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 Department of Human Services Act is amended
5 by adding Section 10-26a as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 1305/10-26a new)

7 Sec. 10-26a. Prioritization of Urgency of Need for
8 Services.

9 (a) Definitions. As used in this Section:

10 "Department pre-admission screener" means an entity that
11 contracts with the Department of Human Services to provide
12 coordination services as outlined in Section 10 of the
13 Disabilities Services Act of 2003. The Department
14 pre-admission screener is also known as an Independent Service
15 Coordination Agency or a Pre-Admission Screening Agency.

16 "Enrollment form" means the Prioritization of Urgency of
17 Needs for Services (PUNS) database enrollment form.

18 "Planning for services category" means a PUNS database
19 category for individuals with intellectual or developmental
20 disabilities who do not currently need services and supports
21 but may in the future.

22 "PUNS database" means the Prioritization of Urgency of
23 Need for Services database established under Section 10-26.

1 "Seeking services category" means a PUNS database category
2 for individuals with intellectual or developmental
3 disabilities who currently need or desire services and
4 supports.

5 (b) By June 30, 2024, the Department shall reduce the
6 number of individuals with intellectual or developmental
7 disabilities on the PUNS database by no fewer than 800
8 persons. The number of persons listed shall be reduced each
9 year by the following amounts:

10 (1) no fewer than 1,000 persons between July 1, 2024
11 and June 30, 2025; and

12 (2) no fewer than 1,200 persons beginning July 1,
13 2026, and every July 1 thereafter, until the list of
14 persons on the PUNS database awaiting State services is
15 exhausted.

16 (c) The Department shall apply for all available federal
17 funding options to increase services and supports for
18 individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities,
19 including, but not limited to, applying to the federal Centers
20 for Medicare and Medicaid Services for:

21 (1) a demonstration waiver under Section 1115 of the
22 Social Security Act to expand housing options and relevant
23 support services for persons with intellectual or
24 developmental disabilities; and

25 (2) approval of a Title XIX State Plan amendment to
26 implement the Community First Option in accordance with

1 Section 1915(k) of the Social Security Act.

2 (d) For future applicants, the Department shall provide
3 adequate funding for the required services and supports for
4 each individual listed in the seeking services category on the
5 PUNS database within 90 calendar days after the individual is
6 placed on the PUNS database in the seeking services category
7 after completing an enrollment form with a Department
8 pre-admission screener. The enrollment form must be completed
9 by the individual along with his or her primary caregiver or
10 guardian in the presence of a Department pre-admission
11 screener.

12 (e) For future applicants, the Department shall identify
13 the required services and supports for each individual listed
14 in the planning for services category on the PUNS database
15 within 180 calendar days after the individual is placed on the
16 PUNS database in the planning for services category after
17 completing an enrollment form with a Department pre-admission
18 screener. The enrollment form must be completed by the
19 individual along with his or her primary caregiver or guardian
20 in the presence of a Department pre-admission screener.

21 (f) The Department, in consultation with all relevant
22 State agencies, shall annually report to the General Assembly
23 on the progress made in implementing the provisions of this
24 Section. The Department shall submit its first report no later
25 than September 30, 2024 and every September 30 thereafter.

26 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon

1 becoming law.