

1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 1809

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 1809 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Mental Health and Developmental
5 Disabilities Administrative Act is amended by adding Section
6 57.5 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 1705/57.5 new)

8 Sec. 57.5. Autism diagnosis education program.

9 (a) Subject to appropriations, the Department shall
10 establish an autism diagnosis education program for children
11 who are 5 years of age or less. The Department shall
12 establish the program at 3 different sites in the State. The
13 program shall have the following goals:

14 (1) Providing, to medical professionals and others
15 statewide, a systems development initiative that promotes
16 best practice standards for the diagnosis and treatment
17 planning for children who are 5 years of age or less and
18 have autism spectrum disorders, for the purpose of
19 helping existing systems of care to build solid circles
20 of expertise within their ranks.

21 (2) Educating medical practitioners, school
22 personnel, day care providers, parents, and community

1 service providers (including, but not limited to, early
2 intervention and developmental disabilities providers)
3 throughout the State on appropriate diagnosis and
4 treatment of autism.

5 (3) Supporting systems of care for children with
6 autism spectrum disorders who are 5 years of age or less.

7 (4) Working together with universities and
8 developmental disabilities providers to identify unmet
9 needs and resources.

10 (b) Before January 1, 2006, the Department shall report
11 to the Governor and the General Assembly concerning the
12 progress of the autism diagnosis education program
13 established under this Section."