

1 AN ACT concerning autism.

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 57.6 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 1705/57.6 new)

8 Sec. 57.6. Adult autism; funding for services. Subject to
9 appropriations, the Department, or independent contractual
10 consultants engaged by the Department, shall research possible
11 funding streams for the development and implementation of
12 services for adults with autism spectrum disorders without
13 mental retardation. Independent consultants must have
14 expertise in Medicaid services and alternative federal and
15 State funding mechanisms. The research may include, but need
16 not be limited to, research of a Medicaid state plan amendment,
17 a Section 1915(c) home and community based waiver, a Section
18 1115 research and demonstration waiver, vocational
19 rehabilitation funding, mental health block grants, and other
20 appropriate funding sources. The Department shall report the
21 results of the research and its recommendations to the Governor
22 and the General Assembly by April 1, 2008.