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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 746

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 746 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Disabilities Services Act of 2003 is
5 amended by adding the heading of Article IV and Section 60 as
6 follows:

7 (20 ILCS 2407/Art. IV heading new)

8 ARTICLE IV. RAPID REINTEGRATION PILOT PROGRAM

9 (20 ILCS 2407/60 new)

10 Sec. 60. Rapid Reintegration Pilot Program.

11 (a) The Department of Human Services shall operate a Rapid
12 Reintegration Pilot Program. The purpose of the pilot program
13 is to demonstrate that, with appropriate support and services,
14 individuals with physical disabilities and individuals with
15 mental illness who need a short-term placement of 6 months or

1 less in a nursing facility can successfully return to the
2 community without experiencing unnecessary
3 institutionalization. The initial pilot program sites shall be
4 those initiated or operated by the Department in Fiscal Year
5 2009. The pilot program may be expanded to other sites as
6 funding becomes available for that purpose.

7 (b) The Department of Human Services shall secure the
8 cooperation of hospitals in the geographic areas served by the
9 pilot program so that hospitals will coordinate with the
10 Service Coordination Agencies and the Home Services Program to
11 verify whether the individual is expected to have a short-term
12 stay of 6 months or less in a nursing facility upon discharge
13 from the hospital.

14 (c) The Service Coordination Agencies and the Home Services
15 Program in the pilot areas shall make an initial assessment and
16 a post-admission assessment to ascertain whether an individual
17 needs a nursing facility level of care and whether the
18 individual is expected to be in the nursing facility for a
19 short-term stay of 6 months or less.

20 (d) The Service Coordination Agencies and the Home Services
21 Program shall make necessary and appropriate efforts to
22 reintegrate any individual who is found to need nursing
23 facility level of care and is expected to be in a nursing home
24 for a short-term stay of 6 months or less, including
25 collaboration with local service providers, such as centers for
26 independent living and community mental health agencies.

1 (e) If an individual who, through the pilot program, has
2 been identified as needing a short-term stay of 6 months or
3 less is admitted to a nursing facility, the individual shall be
4 assessed for eligibility for an enhanced Community Home
5 Maintenance Allowance to allow the individual to retain income
6 for a period of up to 6 months in order to retain his or her
7 home.

8 (f) The pilot program shall operate for not less than 3
9 years after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the
10 96th General Assembly. The Department of Human Services shall
11 assess the effectiveness of the pilot program in preventing the
12 unnecessary institutionalization of individuals with physical
13 disabilities or mental illness and allowing them to
14 successfully return to their pre-admission living
15 arrangements.

16 (g) The pilot program established under this Article shall
17 not apply to facilities that qualify under federal law as
18 institutions for mental disease.

19 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
20 becoming law.".