

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 10-8.1 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 1305/10-8.1 new)

7 Sec. 10-8.1. Autism spectrum disorder project coordinator.
8 Subject to appropriations, the Department of Human Services
9 shall designate a member of its staff as Autism Spectrum
10 Disorder Project Coordinator to address issues related to
11 autism spectrum disorders (ASD). The project coordinator's
12 duties may include, without limitation, the following:

13 (1) Working in conjunction with members of the Illinois
14 Autism Task Force to:

15 (i) identify and promote best practice standards
16 for the diagnosis, treatment, education, and training
17 of persons with ASD within existing systems of care;

18 (ii) provide educational opportunities throughout
19 the State on diagnosis and treatment;

20 (iii) support existing systems of care for persons
21 with ASD across the life span;

22 (iv) work with universities and providers to
23 identify untapped resources and unmet needs; and

