1	AN	ACT	concerning	State	government.
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2	Ве	it	enacted	by	the	People	of	the	State	of	Illinois,
3	represe	nte	d in the (	Gene	eral A	ssembly	·:				

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)
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Sec. 10-8.1. Autism spectrum disorder project coordinat	or.
Subject to appropriations, the Department of Human Servi	ces
shall designate a member of its staff as Autism Spect	rum
Disorder Project Coordinator to address issues related	to
autism spectrum disorders (ASD). The project coordinato	r's
duties may include, without limitation, the following:	

13	(1)	Working	in	conjunction	with	members	of	the	Illinois
14	Autism 5	Task Ford	ce t	to:					

- (i) identify and promote best practice standards for the diagnosis, treatment, education, and training of persons with ASD within existing systems of care;
- (ii) provide educational opportunities throughout
  the State on diagnosis and treatment;
- 20 <u>(iii)</u> support existing systems of care for persons
  21 <u>with ASD across the life span;</u>
- 22 <u>(iv) work with universities and providers to</u>
  23 identify untapped resources and unmet needs; and

1	(v) encourage and support research efforts on
2	services to persons with ASD across the life span;
3	(2) Coordinating any and all State governmental
4	efforts concerning ASD;
5	(3) Identifying and removing barriers to autism
6	programs;
7	(4) Representing the needs and wants of persons with
8	ASD and their families;
9	(5) Promoting awareness of ASD; and
10	(6) Performing all duties, related to ASD, assigned by
11	the Secretary of the Department of Human Services.
12	For purposes of this Section, "autism spectrum disorders" has
13	the same meaning ascribed to it in Section 10 of the Autism
14	Spectrum Disorders Reporting Act.