

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 Mental Health and Developmental  
5 Disabilities Administrative Act is amended by adding Section  
6 18.6 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 1705/18.6 new)

8 Sec. 18.6. Mental Health Services Strategic Planning Task  
9 Force.

10 (a) Task Force. The Mental Health Services Strategic  
11 Planning Task Force is created.

12 (b) Meeting. The Task Force shall be appointed and hold its  
13 first meeting within 90 days after the effective date of this  
14 amendatory Act of the 97th General Assembly.

15 (c) Composition. The Task Force shall be comprised of the  
16 following members:

17 (1) Two members of the Senate appointed by the  
18 President of the Senate and 2 members of the Senate  
19 appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate.

20 (2) Two members of the House of Representatives  
21 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives  
22 and 2 members of the House of Representatives appointed by  
23 the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.

1           (3) One representative of the Division of Mental Health  
2           within the Department of Human Services.

3           (4) One representative of the Department of Healthcare  
4           and Family Services.

5           (5) One representative of the Bureau of Long Term Care  
6           within the Department of Public Health.

7           (6) One representative of the Illinois Children's  
8           Mental Health Partnership.

9           (7) Six representatives of the mental health providers  
10           and community stakeholders selected from names submitted  
11           by associates representing the various types of providers.

12           (8) Three representatives of the consumer community  
13           including a primary consumer, secondary consumer, and a  
14           representative of a mental health consumer advocacy  
15           organization.

16           (9) An individual from a union representing State  
17           employees providing services to persons with mental  
18           illness.

19           (10) One academic specialist in mental health  
20           outcomes, research, and evidence-based practices.

21           (d) Duty. The Task Force shall meet with the Office of the  
22           Governor and the appropriate legislative committees on mental  
23           health to develop a 5-year comprehensive strategic plan for the  
24           State's mental health services. The plan shall address the  
25           following topics:

26           (1) Provide sufficient home and community-based

1 services to give consumers real options in care settings.

2 (2) Improve access to care.

3 (3) Reduce regulatory redundancy.

4 (4) Maintain financial viability for providers in a  
5 cost-effective manner to the State.

6 (5) Ensure care is effective, efficient, and  
7 appropriate regardless of the setting in which it is  
8 provided.

9 (6) Ensure quality of care in all care settings via the  
10 use of appropriate clinical outcomes.

11 (7) Ensure hospitalizations and institutional care,  
12 when necessary, is available to meet demand now and in the  
13 future.

14 (e) The Task Force shall work in conjunction with the  
15 Department of Human Services' Division of Developmental  
16 Disabilities to ensure effective treatment for those dually  
17 diagnosed with both mental illness and developmental  
18 disabilities. The Task Force shall also work in conjunction  
19 with the Department of Human Services' Division of Alcohol and  
20 Substance Abuse to ensure effective treatment for those who are  
21 dually diagnosed with both mental illness as well as substance  
22 abuse challenges.

23 (f) Compensation. Members of the Task Force shall not  
24 receive compensation nor reimbursement for necessary expenses  
25 incurred in performing the duties associated with the Task  
26 Force.

1       (g) Reporting. The Task Force shall present its plan to the  
2 Governor and the General Assembly no later than 18 months after  
3 the effective date of the amendatory Act of the 97th General  
4 Assembly. With its approval and authorization, and subject to  
5 appropriation, the Task Force shall convene quarterly meetings  
6 during the implementation of the 5-year strategic plan to  
7 monitor progress, review outcomes, and make ongoing  
8 recommendations. These ongoing recommendations shall be  
9 presented to the Governor and the General Assembly for  
10 feedback, suggestions, support, and approval. Within one year  
11 after recommendations are presented to the Governor and the  
12 General Assembly, the General Assembly shall vote on whether  
13 the recommendations should become law.

14       (h) Administrative support. The Department of Human  
15 Services shall provide administrative and staff support to the  
16 Task Force.

17       (i) This Section is repealed on December 31, 2019.

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