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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 1351

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 1351 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Disabled Persons Rehabilitation Act is  
5 amended by changing Section 3 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 2405/3) (from Ch. 23, par. 3434)

7 Sec. 3. Powers and duties. The Department shall have the  
8 powers and duties enumerated herein:

9 (a) To co-operate with the federal government in the  
10 administration of the provisions of the federal Rehabilitation  
11 Act of 1973, as amended, of the Workforce Investment Act of  
12 1998, and of the federal Social Security Act to the extent and  
13 in the manner provided in these Acts.

14 (b) To prescribe and supervise such courses of vocational  
15 training and provide such other services as may be necessary  
16 for the habilitation and rehabilitation of persons with one or

1 more disabilities, including the administrative activities  
2 under subsection (e) of this Section, and to co-operate with  
3 State and local school authorities and other recognized  
4 agencies engaged in habilitation, rehabilitation and  
5 comprehensive rehabilitation services; and to cooperate with  
6 the Department of Children and Family Services regarding the  
7 care and education of children with one or more disabilities.

8 (c) (Blank).

9 (d) To report in writing, to the Governor, annually on or  
10 before the first day of December, and at such other times and  
11 in such manner and upon such subjects as the Governor may  
12 require. The annual report shall contain (1) a statement of the  
13 existing condition of comprehensive rehabilitation services,  
14 habilitation and rehabilitation in the State; (2) a statement  
15 of suggestions and recommendations with reference to the  
16 development of comprehensive rehabilitation services,  
17 habilitation and rehabilitation in the State; and (3) an  
18 itemized statement of the amounts of money received from  
19 federal, State and other sources, and of the objects and  
20 purposes to which the respective items of these several amounts  
21 have been devoted.

22 (e) (Blank).

23 (f) To establish a program of services to prevent the  
24 unnecessary institutionalization of ~~persons with Alzheimer's~~  
25 ~~disease and related disorders or~~ persons in need of long term  
26 care and who meet the criteria for blindness or disability are

1 ~~established as blind or disabled~~ as defined by the Social  
2 Security Act, thereby enabling them to remain in their own  
3 homes ~~or other living arrangements~~. Such preventive services  
4 may include, but are not limited to, any or all of the  
5 following:

- 6 (1) personal assistant services ~~home health services~~;
- 7 (2) homemaker services ~~home nursing services~~;
- 8 (3) home-delivered meals ~~homemaker services~~;
- 9 (4) adult day care services ~~chore and housekeeping~~  
10 ~~services~~;
- 11 (5) respite care ~~day care services~~;
- 12 (6) home modification or assistive equipment  
13 ~~home-delivered meals~~;
- 14 (7) home health services ~~education in self care~~;
- 15 (8) electronic home response ~~personal care services~~;
- 16 (9) brain injury behavioral/cognitive services ~~adult~~  
17 ~~day health services~~;
- 18 (10) brain injury habilitation ~~habilitation services~~;
- 19 (11) brain injury pre-vocational services ~~respite~~  
20 ~~care~~; or
- 21 (12) brain injury supported employment ~~other~~  
22 ~~nonmedical social services that may enable the person to~~  
23 ~~become self-supporting~~.

24 The Department shall establish eligibility standards for  
25 such services taking into consideration the unique economic and  
26 social needs of the population for whom they are to be

1 provided. Such eligibility standards may be based on the  
2 recipient's ability to pay for services; provided, however,  
3 that any portion of a person's income that is equal to or less  
4 than the "protected income" level shall not be considered by  
5 the Department in determining eligibility. The "protected  
6 income" level shall be determined by the Department, shall  
7 never be less than the federal poverty standard, and shall be  
8 adjusted each year to reflect changes in the Consumer Price  
9 Index For All Urban Consumers as determined by the United  
10 States Department of Labor. The standards must provide that a  
11 person may not have ~~not~~ more than \$10,000 in assets to be  
12 eligible for the services, and the Department may increase or  
13 decrease the asset limitation by rule. The Department may not  
14 decrease the asset level below \$10,000. ~~Additionally, in~~  
15 ~~determining the amount and nature of services for which a~~  
16 ~~person may qualify, consideration shall not be given to the~~  
17 ~~value of cash, property or other assets held in the name of the~~  
18 ~~person's spouse pursuant to a written agreement dividing~~  
19 ~~marital property into equal but separate shares or pursuant to~~  
20 ~~a transfer of the person's interest in a home to his spouse,~~  
21 ~~provided that the spouse's share of the marital property is not~~  
22 ~~made available to the person seeking such services.~~

23 The services shall be provided, as established by the  
24 Department by rule, to eligible persons to prevent unnecessary  
25 or premature institutionalization, to the extent that the cost  
26 of the services, together with the other personal maintenance

1 expenses of the persons, are reasonably related to the  
2 standards established for care in a group facility appropriate  
3 to their condition. These non-institutional services, pilot  
4 projects or experimental facilities may be provided as part of  
5 or in addition to those authorized by federal law or those  
6 funded and administered by the Illinois Department on Aging.

7 Personal assistants shall be paid at a rate negotiated  
8 between the State and an exclusive representative of personal  
9 assistants under a collective bargaining agreement. In no case  
10 shall the Department pay personal assistants an hourly wage  
11 that is less than the federal minimum wage. ~~care attendants~~  
12 shall be paid:

13 ~~(i) A \$5 per hour minimum rate beginning July 1, 1995.~~

14 ~~(ii) A \$5.30 per hour minimum rate beginning July 1,~~  
15 ~~1997.~~

16 ~~(iii) A \$5.40 per hour minimum rate beginning July 1,~~  
17 ~~1998.~~

18 Solely for the purposes of coverage under the Illinois  
19 Public Labor Relations Act (5 ILCS 315/), ~~personal care~~  
20 ~~attendants and~~ personal assistants providing services under  
21 the Department's Home Services Program shall be considered to  
22 be public employees and the State of Illinois shall be  
23 considered to be their employer as of the effective date of  
24 this amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly, but not  
25 before. The State shall engage in collective bargaining with an  
26 exclusive representative of ~~personal care attendants and~~

1 personal assistants working under the Home Services Program  
2 concerning their terms and conditions of employment that are  
3 within the State's control. Nothing in this paragraph shall be  
4 understood to limit the right of the persons receiving services  
5 defined in this Section to hire and fire ~~personal care~~  
6 ~~attendants and~~ personal assistants or supervise them within the  
7 limitations set by the Home Services Program. The State shall  
8 not be considered to be the employer of ~~personal care~~  
9 ~~attendants and~~ personal assistants for any purposes not  
10 specifically provided in this amendatory Act of the 93rd  
11 General Assembly, including but not limited to, purposes of  
12 vicarious liability in tort and purposes of statutory  
13 retirement or health insurance benefits. Personal ~~care~~  
14 ~~attendants and personal~~ assistants shall not be covered by the  
15 State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971 (5 ILCS 375/).

16 The Department shall execute, relative to ~~the~~ nursing home  
17 prescreening ~~project~~, as authorized by Section 4.03 of the  
18 Illinois Act on the Aging, written inter-agency agreements with  
19 the Department on Aging and the ~~Department of Public Aid (now~~  
20 ~~Department of Healthcare and Family Services)~~, to effect the  
21 ~~following: (i) intake procedures and common eligibility~~  
22 ~~criteria for those persons who may need long term care are~~  
23 ~~receiving non-institutional services; and (ii) the~~  
24 ~~establishment and development of non-institutional services in~~  
25 ~~areas of the State where they are not currently available or~~  
26 ~~are undeveloped.~~ On and after July 1, 1996, all nursing home

1 prescreenings for individuals 18 through 59 years of age shall  
2 be conducted by the Department, or a designee of the  
3 Department.

4 The Department is authorized to establish a system of  
5 recipient cost-sharing for services provided under this  
6 Section. The cost-sharing shall be based upon the recipient's  
7 ability to pay for services, but in no case shall the  
8 recipient's share exceed the actual cost of the services  
9 provided. Protected income shall not be considered by the  
10 Department in its determination of the recipient's ability to  
11 pay a share of the cost of services. The level of cost-sharing  
12 shall be adjusted each year to reflect changes in the  
13 "protected income" level. The Department shall deduct from the  
14 recipient's share of the cost of services any money expended by  
15 the recipient for disability-related expenses.

16 To the extent permitted under the federal Social Security  
17 Act, the ~~The~~ Department, or the Department's authorized  
18 representative, may ~~shall~~ recover the amount of moneys expended  
19 for services provided to or in behalf of a person under this  
20 Section by a claim against the person's estate or against the  
21 estate of the person's surviving spouse, but no recovery may be  
22 had until after the death of the surviving spouse, if any, and  
23 then only at such time when there is no surviving child who is  
24 under age 21, blind, or permanently and totally disabled. This  
25 paragraph, however, shall not bar recovery, at the death of the  
26 person, of moneys for services provided to the person or in

1 behalf of the person under this Section to which the person was  
2 not entitled; provided that such recovery shall not be enforced  
3 against any real estate while it is occupied as a homestead by  
4 the surviving spouse or other dependent, if no claims by other  
5 creditors have been filed against the estate, or, if such  
6 claims have been filed, they remain dormant for failure of  
7 prosecution or failure of the claimant to compel administration  
8 of the estate for the purpose of payment. This paragraph shall  
9 not bar recovery from the estate of a spouse, under Sections  
10 1915 and 1924 of the Social Security Act and Section 5-4 of the  
11 Illinois Public Aid Code, who precedes a person receiving  
12 services under this Section in death. All moneys for services  
13 paid to or in behalf of the person under this Section shall be  
14 claimed for recovery from the deceased spouse's estate.  
15 "Homestead", as used in this paragraph, means the dwelling  
16 house and contiguous real estate occupied by a surviving spouse  
17 or relative, as defined by the rules and regulations of the  
18 Department of Healthcare and Family Services, regardless of the  
19 value of the property.

20 The Department shall submit ~~and the Department on Aging~~  
21 ~~shall cooperate in the development and submission of~~ an annual  
22 report on programs and services provided under this Section.  
23 The ~~Such joint~~ report shall be filed with the Governor and the  
24 General Assembly on or before March 30 each year.

25 The requirement for reporting to the General Assembly shall  
26 be satisfied by filing copies of the report with the Speaker,



1 the Minority Leader and the Clerk of the House of  
2 Representatives and the President, the Minority Leader and the  
3 Secretary of the Senate and the Legislative Research Unit, as  
4 required by Section 3.1 of the General Assembly Organization  
5 Act, and filing additional copies with the State Government  
6 Report Distribution Center for the General Assembly as required  
7 under paragraph (t) of Section 7 of the State Library Act.

8 (g) To establish such subdivisions of the Department as  
9 shall be desirable and assign to the various subdivisions the  
10 responsibilities and duties placed upon the Department by law.

11 (h) To cooperate and enter into any necessary agreements  
12 with the Department of Employment Security for the provision of  
13 job placement and job referral services to clients of the  
14 Department, including job service registration of such clients  
15 with Illinois Employment Security offices and making job  
16 listings maintained by the Department of Employment Security  
17 available to such clients.

18 (i) To possess all powers reasonable and necessary for the  
19 exercise and administration of the powers, duties and  
20 responsibilities of the Department which are provided for by  
21 law.

22 (j) (Blank). ~~To establish a procedure whereby new providers~~  
23 ~~of personal care attendant services shall submit vouchers to~~  
24 ~~the State for payment two times during their first month of~~  
25 ~~employment and one time per month thereafter. In no case shall~~  
26 ~~the Department pay personal care attendants an hourly wage that~~

1 ~~is less than the federal minimum wage.~~

2 (k) (Blank). ~~To provide adequate notice to providers of~~  
3 ~~chore and housekeeping services informing them that they are~~  
4 ~~entitled to an interest payment on bills which are not promptly~~  
5 ~~paid pursuant to Section 3 of the State Prompt Payment Act.~~

6 (l) To establish, operate and maintain a Statewide Housing  
7 Clearinghouse of information on available, government  
8 subsidized housing accessible to disabled persons and  
9 available privately owned housing accessible to disabled  
10 persons. The information shall include but not be limited to  
11 the location, rental requirements, access features and  
12 proximity to public transportation of available housing. The  
13 Clearinghouse shall consist of at least a computerized database  
14 for the storage and retrieval of information and a separate or  
15 shared toll free telephone number for use by those seeking  
16 information from the Clearinghouse. Department offices and  
17 personnel throughout the State shall also assist in the  
18 operation of the Statewide Housing Clearinghouse. Cooperation  
19 with local, State and federal housing managers shall be sought  
20 and extended in order to frequently and promptly update the  
21 Clearinghouse's information.

22 (m) To assure that the names and case records of persons  
23 who received or are receiving services from the Department,  
24 including persons receiving vocational rehabilitation, home  
25 services, or other services, and those attending one of the  
26 Department's schools or other supervised facility shall be

1 confidential and not be open to the general public. Those case  
2 records and reports or the information contained in those  
3 records and reports shall be disclosed by the Director only to  
4 proper law enforcement officials, individuals authorized by a  
5 court, the General Assembly or any committee or commission of  
6 the General Assembly, and other persons and for reasons as the  
7 Director designates by rule. Disclosure by the Director may be  
8 only in accordance with other applicable law.

9 (Source: P.A. 94-252, eff. 1-1-06; 95-331, eff. 8-21-07.)

10 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
11 becoming law."