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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 5487

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 5487 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act is
5 amended by adding Section 7.23 as follows:

6 (325 ILCS 5/7.23 new)

7 Sec. 7.23. Reports involving children with developmental
8 disabilities; policies and procedures. The Department shall
9 establish, by rule, policies and procedures investigators must
10 follow when a report of abuse or neglect involves a child with
11 a developmental disability or a physical disability that
12 impacts the child's ability to communicate. These policies and
13 procedures shall include the following:

14 (1) Guidelines for when the Department's investigation
15 team shall include a licensed clinical social worker or a
16 speech language pathologist who has experience, either in a

1 clinical setting or as a therapist in an educational
2 setting, in working with the child's specific disability to
3 help assess the information received from the child.

4 (2) Guidelines for interview preparation aimed at
5 building awareness of the child's communication needs.

6 (3) Training requirements for interviewers involved in
7 a forensic interview."