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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 4665

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 4665 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Mental Health and Developmental  
5 Disabilities Administrative Act is amended by adding Section  
6 4.4 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 1705/4.4 new)

8 Sec. 4.4. Direct support person credential pilot program.

9 (a) In this Section, "direct support person credential"  
10 means a document issued to an individual by a recognized  
11 accrediting body attesting that the individual has met the  
12 professional requirements of the credentialing program by the  
13 Division of Developmental Disabilities of the Department of  
14 Human Services.

15 (b) The Division shall initiate a program to continue to  
16 gain the expertise and knowledge of the developmental

1 disabilities workforce and of the developmental disabilities  
2 workforce recruitment and retention needs throughout the  
3 developmental disabilities field. The Division shall implement  
4 a direct support person credential pilot program to assist and  
5 attract persons into the field of direct support, advance  
6 direct support as a career, and professionalize the field to  
7 promote workforce recruitment and retention efforts, advanced  
8 skills and competencies, and further ensure the health, safety,  
9 and well-being of persons being served.

10 (c) The direct support person credential pilot program is  
11 created within the Division to assist persons in the field of  
12 developmental disabilities obtain a credential in their fields  
13 of expertise.

14 (d) The pilot program shall be administered by the Division  
15 for 3 years. The pilot program shall include providers,  
16 licensed and certified by the Division or by the Department of  
17 Public Health. The purpose of the pilot program is to assess  
18 how the establishment of a State-accredited direct support  
19 person credential:

20 (1) promotes recruitment and retention efforts in the  
21 developmental disabilities field, notably the direct  
22 support person position;

23 (2) enhances competence in the developmental  
24 disabilities field;

25 (3) yields quality supports and services to persons  
26 with developmental disabilities; and

1           (4) advances the health and safety requirements set  
2           forth by the State.

3           (e) The Division, in administering the pilot program, shall  
4           consider, but not be limited to, the following:

5           (1) best practices learning initiatives, including the  
6           University of Minnesota's college of direct support and all  
7           Illinois Department of Human Services-approved direct  
8           support person competencies;

9           (2) national direct support professional and person  
10           competencies or credentialing-based standards and  
11           trainings;

12           (3) facilitating direct support person's portfolio  
13           development;

14           (4) the role and value of skill mentors; and

15           (5) creating a career ladder.

16           (f) The Division shall produce a report detailing the  
17           progress of the pilot program, including, but not limited to:

18           (1) the rate of recruitment and retention for direct  
19           support persons of providers participating in the pilot  
20           program compared to the rate for non-participating  
21           providers;

22           (2) the number of direct support persons credentialed;  
23           and

24           (3) the enhancement of quality supports and services to  
25           persons with developmental disabilities.

1 Section 10. The MC/DD Act is amended by adding Section  
2 3-206.005 as follows:

3 (210 ILCS 46/3-206.005 new)

4 Sec. 3-206.005. Certification status for certified nursing  
5 assistants. A certified nursing assistant shall lose his or her  
6 certification status if he or she goes 24 consecutive months  
7 without performing nursing or nursing-related services for  
8 pay. In this Section, "nursing or nursing-related services for  
9 pay" includes work performed as a direct support professional  
10 as it is defined in the Community Services Act.

11 Section 15. The ID/DD Community Care Act is amended by  
12 adding Section 3-206.005 as follows:

13 (210 ILCS 47/3-206.005 new)

14 Sec. 3-206.005. Certification status for certified nursing  
15 assistants. A certified nursing assistant shall lose his or her  
16 certification status if he or she goes 24 consecutive months  
17 without performing nursing or nursing-related services for  
18 pay. In this Section, "nursing or nursing-related services for  
19 pay" includes work performed as a direct support professional  
20 as it is defined in the Community Services Act.

21 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
22 becoming law."