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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 4613

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 4613 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the  
5 Access to Religious Ministry Act of 2008.

6 Section 5. The County Jail Act is amended by adding Section  
7 26 as follows:

8 (730 ILCS 125/26 new)

9 Sec. 26. Detainees in immigration custody; religious  
10 worker access to jails.

11 (a) Any county jail in the State of Illinois for which an  
12 intergovernmental agreement has been entered into with United  
13 States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) for detention  
14 of immigration-related detainees shall be required to provide  
15 to religious workers reasonable access to such jail. Such

1 access shall be consistent with the safety, security, and the  
2 orderly operation of the facility.

3 (b) For purposes of this Section, "reasonable access" means  
4 the ability of the religious worker to enter the jail facility  
5 to be available to meet with immigration detainees who wish to  
6 consult with the religious worker regarding their spiritual  
7 needs. Such access shall be at times set by the sheriff or his  
8 or her designee. The facility shall provide advance notice to  
9 the immigration detainees of the times during which religious  
10 workers shall be available for consultation under this Section,  
11 and shall not limit the access of detainees to such religious  
12 workers without good cause. Consultations with religious  
13 workers under this Section shall not be counted against the  
14 visitation time or number of visits to which a detainee is  
15 otherwise entitled under the facility's visitation policies.

16 (c) The sheriff or his or her designee shall have the right  
17 to screen and approve individuals seeking access to immigration  
18 detainees at the facility under this Act.

19 Section 97. Severability. The provisions of this Act are  
20 severable under Section 1.31 of the Statute on Statutes."