

AN ACT concerning State government.

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
represented in the General Assembly:**

Section 5. The Department of Public Health Act is amended by adding Section 8.6 as follows:

(20 ILCS 2305/8.6 new)

Sec. 8.6. Breakthrough Therapies for Veteran Suicide Prevention Program Advisory Council.

(a) The Breakthrough Therapies for Veteran Suicide Prevention Program Advisory Council created by Public Act 103-8 is continued within the Department of Public Health as set forth in this Section. The Council shall advise the Department on the rules and clinical infrastructure necessary to support clinical access to and training for medication-assisted United States Food and Drug Administration breakthrough therapies for veteran suicide prevention. In advising the Department under this Section, the Council shall advise the Department on:

(1) the necessary education, training, licensing, and credentialing of providers;

(2) patient safety and harm reduction;

(3) standards for treatment facilities;

(4) relevant federal regulations and guidelines that

relevant State agencies may consider adopting;

(5) assisting with the development of public awareness and education campaigns related to veteran suicides;

(6) developing and providing oversight regarding mechanisms for the dissemination of treatment and training data; and

(7) developing provisions to ensure justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion are considered in the administration of grants and recommendations made to the Department.

(b) The Council shall consist of the following members:

(1) three members appointed by the Governor;

(2) two members appointed by the President of the Senate;

(3) two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

(4) one member appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate;

(5) one member appointed by the Minority Leader of the House;

(6) the Director of Veterans Affairs, or the Director's representative;

(7) the Secretary of Human Services, or the Secretary's representative; and

(8) four members appointed by the Director of Public Health who are considered subject matter experts in the

fields of psychiatry, breakthrough therapies, clinical trials research, and pharmacology.

(c) The Council shall include at least 3 veterans. The Council shall also include members with expertise in breakthrough therapy research, clinical mental health treatment, public health, access to mental and behavioral health care in underserved communities, veteran mental or behavioral health care, and harm reduction. The Department of Public Health shall provide administrative support to the Council.

(d) The Council shall adopt internal organizational procedures as necessary for its efficient organization.

(e) Members of the Council shall serve without compensation.

(20 ILCS 2205/2205-36 rep.)

Section 10. The Department of Healthcare and Family Services Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is amended by repealing Section 2205-36.