



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

HB1564

Introduced 1/28/2025, by Rep. Charles Meier

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 1705/4.5 new

Amends the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Administrative Act. Provides that the Department of Human Services shall require every applicant seeking employment as a mental health technician at a State-operated developmental center to: (i) complete the Test for Adult Basic Education and obtain a score that demonstrates the applicant's ability to read and write at a 5th grade level; and (ii) complete a series of basic physical agility tests, including a test that demonstrates the applicant's ability to lift at least 50 pounds, a one-mile walk test, a shuttle run, and a patient transfer test. Provides that such testing shall be in addition to any other testing or application requirements for employment as a mental health technician at a State-operated developmental center. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning State government.

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

4 Section 5. The Mental Health and Developmental
5 Disabilities Administrative Act is amended by adding Section
6 4.5 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 1705/4.5 new)

8 Sec. 4.5. TABE and physical agility testing for mental
9 health technicians. The Department shall require every
10 applicant seeking employment as a mental health technician
11 trainee at a State-operated developmental center to: (i)
12 complete the Test for Adult Basic Education and obtain a score
13 that demonstrates the applicant's ability to read and write at
14 a 5th grade level; and (ii) complete a series of basic physical
15 agility tests, including a test that demonstrates the
16 applicant's ability to lift at least 50 pounds, a one-mile
17 walk test, a shuttle run, and a patient transfer test. Such
18 testing shall be in addition to any other testing or
19 application requirements for employment as a mental health
20 technician trainee at a State-operated developmental center.

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