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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 1788

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 1788 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Open Space Lands Acquisition and
5 Development Act is amended by adding Section 5.5 as follows:

6 (525 ILCS 35/5.5 new)

7 Sec. 5.5. Accessibility; universal playgrounds. The
8 Department shall, in conjunction with the priorities set forth
9 in Section 5, prioritize projects that incorporate
10 construction, materials, designs, products, or technologies
11 that increase accessibility and usability beyond the highest
12 standards established under the federal Americans with
13 Disabilities Act (ADA) or federal regulations promulgated
14 under that Act. Additionally, in the grant-awarding process
15 under this Act, the Department shall give extra consideration
16 to projects for playgrounds that use universal design elements

1 as part of the design. Projects with a greater number of
2 universal design elements shall receive greater consideration
3 over projects with fewer universal design elements. The
4 Department shall adopt rules to establish the priorities under
5 this Section within its grant application review process under
6 this Act.

7 In this Section, "universal design elements" includes, but
8 is not limited to, the following elements:

9 (1) poured-in-place rubber surfacing or synthetic turf
10 for enhanced mobility and continuously accessible
11 surfacing routes;

12 (2) multiple access points and routes, including
13 additional ramps for seamless entry to play equipment;

14 (3) a variety of ground-level and elevated play
15 components accessible to individuals with diverse
16 abilities;

17 (4) inclusive swings and seating;

18 (5) a variety of single and multi-sensory play
19 elements, such as tactile panels and musical features;

20 (6) shaded areas to accommodate individuals with
21 sensory sensitivities; and

22 (7) any other construction, materials, designs,
23 products, or technologies that increase accessibility and
24 usability beyond the highest standards established under
25 the federal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or
26 federal regulations promulgated under that Act."