

# SB2439



## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Introduced 2/7/2025, by Sen. Mike Porfirio

### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 2205/2205-36

Amends the Department of Healthcare and Family Services Law. In a provision concerning members serving on the Breakthrough Therapies for Veteran Suicide Prevention Program Advisory Council, provides that such members may be reimbursed for reasonable travel expenses and in compliance with the Secretary of State's travel rules for attendance at meetings.

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A BILL FOR

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 Department of Healthcare and Family  
5 Services Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is  
6 amended by changing Section 2205-36 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 2205/2205-36)

8 Sec. 2205-36. Breakthrough Therapies for Veteran Suicide  
9 Prevention Program Advisory Council.

10 (a) There is created within the Department of Healthcare  
11 and Family Services the Breakthrough Therapies for Veteran  
12 Suicide Prevention Program Advisory Council. The Council shall  
13 advise the Department on the rules and clinical infrastructure  
14 necessary to support clinical access to and training for  
15 medication-assisted United States Food and Drug Administration  
16 breakthrough therapies for veteran suicide prevention. In  
17 advising the Department under this Section, the Council shall  
18 advise the Department on:

19 (1) the award of grants for breakthrough therapy  
20 treatment through the Veteran Suicide Prevention Program;

21 (2) the necessary education, training, licensing, and  
22 credentialing of providers;

23 (3) patient safety and harm reduction;

1 (4) costs, insurance reimbursement, and strategies to  
2 safely increase affordable access to care, including the  
3 use of group therapy;

4 (5) standards for treatment facilities;

5 (6) relevant federal regulations and guidelines that  
6 relevant State agencies may consider adopting;

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

9 (8) additional funding needed for subsidized patient  
10 access and provider and therapist training;

11 (9) overall Fund budget;

12 (10) periodic Fund evaluation;

13 (11) developing criteria and standards for the award  
14 of grants and fellowships;

15 (12) developing and providing oversight regarding  
16 mechanisms for the dissemination of treatment and training  
17 data; and

18 (13) developing provisions to ensure justice, equity,  
19 diversity, and inclusion are considered in the  
20 administration of grants and recommendations made to the  
21 Department.

22 (b) The Council shall consist of 9 members:

23 (1) three members appointed by the Governor;

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

26 (3) two members appointed by the Speaker of the House

1 of Representatives;

2 (4) one member appointed by The Minority Leader of the  
3 Senate; and

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

6 (c) The Council shall include at least 3 veterans. The  
7 Council shall also include members with expertise in  
8 breakthrough therapy research, clinical mental health  
9 treatment, public health, access to mental and behavioral  
10 healthcare in underserved communities, veteran mental and  
11 behavioral healthcare, and harm reduction. The Department of  
12 Healthcare and Family Services shall provide administrative  
13 support to the Council.

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

16 (e) Members of the Council shall serve without  
17 compensation, but may be reimbursed for reasonable travel  
18 expenses and in compliance with the Secretary of State's  
19 travel rules for attendance at meetings.

20 (Source: P.A. 103-8, eff. 6-7-23.)