

1 AN ACT concerning direct care staff.

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 15.5 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 1705/15.5 new)

8 Sec. 15.5. Standards of payment. The Department of
9 Human Services shall develop standards of payment of direct
10 care staff for individuals with developmental disabilities
11 that shall provide for an increase in wages of 50 cents per
12 hour for direct care staff with less than 2 years of
13 experience and \$1 per hour for direct care staff with 2 years
14 of experience or more employed on the effective date of this
15 amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly.

16 Each facility providing care for individuals with
17 developmental disabilities must provide for an increase in
18 wages paid to direct care staff as provided for in this
19 Section.

20 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect on
21 July 1, 2003.