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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 4502

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 4502 on page 1, by
3 replacing lines 8 through 26 with the following:

4 "Sec. 57. ~~In order to identify the service needs of persons~~
5 ~~with autism, the Department shall study the needs of the~~
6 ~~population.~~ The Department of Human Services shall
7 periodically convene a special task force of representatives of
8 the various State agencies with related programs and services
9 together with other interested parties and stakeholders to
10 study and assess ~~submit~~ service needs of persons with autism
11 ~~reports to the General Assembly annually which shall supplement~~
12 ~~the report submitted in accordance with Public Act 84-1291.~~ The
13 Secretary of Human Services shall submit a report of the task
14 force's findings and recommendations and the Secretary's
15 priorities to the Governor and the General Assembly by
16 September 1, 2005. The Secretary shall provide annual progress
17 reports to the Governor and the General Assembly by January 1
18 of each year, beginning on January 1, 2006. The reports shall
19 include an analysis of progress made in ~~since the submission of~~
20 ~~that report in the areas outlined in that report, with emphasis~~
21 ~~on~~ the following areas:

- 22 a. Early intervention services for children with autism and
23 their parents;
- 24 b. Enhancement of family support mechanisms to enable
25 persons with autism to remain in a home-based or community

1 ~~family home~~ environment in the least-restrictive setting
2 possible, including progress on the implementation of plans to
3 provide assistance to individuals and families; the plan shall
4 include, but not be limited to, (i) identification of the
5 services required, (ii) the availability of services,
6 especially those within the home community of the person with
7 autism, (iii) the number of persons requiring the services,
8 (iv) the cost of the services, (v) the capacity of the person
9 with autism and his or her family to independently provide the
10 services and the extent to which the State may support the
11 individual and family effort, (vi) the extent of existing and
12 planned State support, (vii) the availability and utilization
13 of federal financial participation in the cost of services, and
14 (viii) the outcomes and impact of services being provided;

15 c. Services for adequate transition for people with autism
16 from public school programs to adult work and day programs; and

17 d. Plans, programs, and services under the Disabilities
18 Services Act of 2003 ~~Facilitation of placement of persons with~~
19 ~~autism in the least restrictive community setting.~~

20 The Department of Human Services and the Department of
21 Public Aid shall determine the availability of federal
22 financial participation in the cost of developing a family
23 support program, which would include medical assistance
24 coverage for children diagnosed with autism who would otherwise
25 qualify for medical assistance under the Illinois Public Aid
26 Code except for family income. The program would include
27 services to support persons with autism in their homes and
28 communities that are not provided through local school systems,
29 early intervention programs, or the medical assistance program
30 under the Illinois Public Aid Code. The departments shall
31 determine the feasibility of obtaining federal financial
32 participation and may apply for any applicable waiver under
33 Section 1915(c) of the federal Social Security Act."