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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

405 ILCS 80/Art. VI heading new
405 ILCS 80/6-1 new
405 ILCS 80/6-5 new
405 ILCS 80/6-10 new

Amends the Developmental Disability and Mental Disability Services Act. Provides for a Community Residential Choices Program to allow a person with a developmental disability to participate in a community-based residential program where he or she is grouped in a home with no more than 3 roommates, each of whom has a developmental disability, whose disabilities, service needs, ages, and gender are compatible. For the State fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, requires the Department of Human Services to establish Community Residential Choices Program sites in geographic locations throughout the State. Provides that for the State fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, the Department shall make non-crisis placement slots available to no fewer than 80 persons; for the State fiscal years beginning on July 1, 2008 and July 1, 2009, the Department shall establish non-crisis placement slots for an additional 80 persons each year. Provides that the Department shall reimburse each provider of a Community Residential Choices Program at a rate equal to 100% of the provider's cost of providing those services, including the cost of acquiring, renovating, or converting the home and the cost of transportation. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning health.

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

4 Section 5. The Developmental Disability and Mental
5 Disability Services Act is amended by adding the heading of
6 Article VI and Sections 6-1, 6-5, and 6-10 as follows:

7 (405 ILCS 80/Art. VI heading new)

8 ARTICLE VI. COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL CHOICES PROGRAM

9 (405 ILCS 80/6-1 new)

10 Sec. 6-1. Community Residential Choices Program.

11 (a) The purpose of this Article is to establish a Community
12 Residential Choices Program to allow a person with a
13 developmental disability to participate in a community-based
14 residential program where he or she is grouped in a home with
15 no more than 3 roommates, each of whom has a developmental
16 disability, whose disabilities, service needs, ages, and
17 gender are compatible. Priority placement under the program
18 shall be allocated to individuals who have chosen to live
19 together. Each participant in the Community Residential
20 Choices Program shall have his or her own private bedroom. The
21 Community Residential Choices Program shall be available to
22 persons between the ages of 18 and 59 who do not meet the

1 Department's criteria for being in crisis.

2 (b) For purposes of this Article:

3 "Community-based residential program" means one of a
4 variety of living arrangements for persons with developmental
5 disabilities, including existing settings such as
6 community-integrated living arrangements, community
7 residential alternatives, assisted residential care, supported
8 residential care, and adult foster care, and may also include
9 newly developed settings that are consistent with this
10 definition.

11 "Developmental disability" includes an autism spectrum
12 disorder.

13 (405 ILCS 80/6-5 new)

14 Sec. 6-5. Program sites and placement slots. Commencing
15 with the State fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2007, the
16 Department shall establish Community Residential Choices
17 Program sites in geographic locations throughout the State. For
18 the State fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, the Department
19 shall make non-crisis placement slots available to no fewer
20 than 80 persons. For the State fiscal years beginning on July
21 1, 2008 and July 1, 2009, the Department shall establish
22 non-crisis placement slots for an additional 80 persons each
23 year. If the non-crisis placement slots cannot be filled with
24 individuals who have chosen roommates, the Department shall
25 reserve those placement slots for individuals who are not

1 considered in crisis and shall develop a protocol for
2 ascertaining the compatibility of individuals living together.
3 The Department, by rule, shall establish procedures for
4 application, evaluation, selection of roommates, and placement
5 into the Community Residential Choices Program.

6 (405 ILCS 80/6-10 new)

7 Sec. 6-10. Reimbursement rates. The Department shall
8 reimburse each provider of a Community Residential Choices
9 Program at a rate equal to 100% of the provider's cost of
10 providing those services, including the cost of acquiring,
11 renovating, or converting the home and the cost of
12 transportation. Starting in the State fiscal year beginning
13 July 1, 2008, and for each State fiscal year thereafter, the
14 Department shall adjust the rate of reimbursement for those
15 services so that it continues to equal 100% of the provider's
16 cost of providing those services.

17 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
18 becoming law.