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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 5553

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 5553 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Department of Human Services Act is
5 amended by adding Section 10-80 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 1305/10-80 new)

7 Sec. 10-80. Crisis walk-in centers; grants. The Department
8 of Human Services shall establish and administer a program to
9 provide grants to crisis walk-in centers that provide services
10 to persons experiencing a mental health crisis who would
11 otherwise be placed in improper care settings. To be eligible
12 for a grant under the program, a crisis walk-in center must
13 provide crisis intervention and support services to adults 18
14 years of age or older at a facility that operates a minimum of
15 8 to 16 hours per day, 5 to 7 days a week. Staff at the crisis
16 walk-in center must include at least one peer recovery support

1 specialist and at least one mental health professional who is
2 available during the center's hours of operation to assess the
3 severity of a client's mental health crisis, assist in
4 developing a safety plan, and connect a client to appropriate
5 community resources and other behavioral health providers
6 appropriate to meet the individual needs of the client. Grants
7 awarded under the program may be used to fund increased
8 staffing at existing crisis walk-in centers. Grants may also
9 be awarded to behavioral health providers for the
10 establishment or operation of crisis walk-in centers in
11 underserved communities. The Department may adopt rules on
12 application requirements and any other rules necessary to
13 implement the program. As used in this Section, "mental health
14 professional" means an individual who provides services under
15 the supervision of a qualified mental health professional and
16 who possesses:

17 (1) a bachelor's degree;

18 (2) a practical nurse license under the Nurse Practice
19 Act;

20 (3) a certificate of psychiatric rehabilitation from a
21 DHS-approved program plus a high school diploma plus 2
22 years' experience in providing mental health services;

23 (4) a recovery support specialist certified and in
24 good standing with the Illinois Alcohol and Other Drug
25 Abuse Professional Certification Association, Inc., plus
26 one year's experience in providing mental health services;

1 (5) an occupational therapy assistant licensed under
2 the Illinois Occupational Therapy Practice Act with at
3 least one year of experience in a mental health setting;
4 or
5 (6) a minimum of 5 years' supervised experience in
6 mental health or human services.
7 A supervised internship in a mental health setting counts
8 toward the experience in providing mental health services."