

1 AN ACT in relation to developmental disabilities.

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 Article 10 as
6 follows:

7 (405 ILCS 80/Art. 10 heading new)

8 Article 10.

9 Workforce Task Force for Persons with Disabilities

10 (405 ILCS 80/10-5 new)

11 Sec. 10-5. Task force created. A workforce task force
12 for persons with disabilities is created, consisting of 16
13 members. The task force shall consist of the following
14 members:

15 (1) Two members of the Senate, appointed one each by
16 the President of the Senate and the Minority Leader of
17 the Senate.

18 (2) Two members of the House of Representatives,
19 appointed one each by the Speaker of the House of
20 Representatives and the Minority Leader of the House of
21 Representatives.

22 (3) Three members appointed by the Secretary of
23 Human Services or his or her designee, one each
24 representing the Office of Developmental Disabilities,
25 the Office of Rehabilitation Services, and the Office of
26 Mental Health within the Department.

27 (4) One member representing the Illinois Council on
28 Developmental Disabilities, selected by the Council.

29 (5) One member appointed by the Director of Aging or
30 his or her designee.

1 (6) One member appointed by the Director of
2 Employment Security or his or her designee.

3 (7) One member appointed by the Director of Commerce
4 and Community Affairs or his or her designee.

5 (8) Two members representing private businesses,
6 one of the 2 representing the Business Leaders Network,
7 appointed by the Secretary of Human Services.

8 (9) One member representing the Illinois Network of
9 Centers for Independent Living, selected by the Network.

10 (10) One member representing the Coalition of
11 Citizens with Disabilities in Illinois, selected by the
12 Coalition.

13 (11) One member representing People First of
14 Illinois, selected by that organization.

15 (405 ILCS 80/10-10 new)
16 Sec. 10-10. Task force's duties.

17 (a) The task force shall review, assess, and develop
18 recommendations and an implementation plan to address the
19 following issues:

20 (1) Identification of State-specific barriers that
21 prevent persons with disabilities from enjoying the same
22 employment level as persons without those disabilities.

23 (2) Identification of strategies that create parity
24 in the unemployment rate between persons with
25 disabilities and persons without those disabilities.

26 (3) Identification of issues that impede the
27 training, hiring, and retention of personal care
28 assistants to help persons with disabilities remain in
29 their own homes and obtain employment both in and outside
30 their homes.

31 (4) Identification of models or strategies that
32 foster shared arrangements between persons with
33 disabilities in terms of personal care assistance and

1 Section 99-99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
2 becoming law.