

AN ACT concerning State government.

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

Section 5. The Illinois Century Network Act is amended by adding Section 8 as follows:

(20 ILCS 3921/8 new)

Sec. 8. Anchor institutions; priorities for connection.
The connection of anchor institutions to the Illinois Century
Network shall be prioritized as follows:

(1) the first priority is the connection of anchor
institutions that could be connected using the Illinois
Century Network's existing middle-mile network within 5
miles of the existing network;

(2) the second priority is the connection of anchor
institutions that could be connected using the Illinois
Century Network's existing middle-mile network within 10
miles of the existing network;

(3) the third priority is the connection of anchor
institutions that could be connected using the Illinois
Century Network's existing middle-mile network farther
than 10 miles from the existing network, and that are
eligible for E-rate, as described under 47 CFR 54, Subpart
F, at 60% and higher;

(4) the fourth priority is the connection of anchor institutions that need expanded middle-mile Illinois Century Network infrastructure; and

(5) the fifth priority is the connection of anchor institutions that need expanded last-mile infrastructure.