

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

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

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

6 (20 ILCS 3921/8 new)

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

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

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

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

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

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