

SB0043



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

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Introduced 1/13/2025, by Sen. Rachel Ventura

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 3921/10

Amends the Illinois Century Network Act. Specifies that the Illinois Century Network shall be a service creating and maintaining high speed telecommunications networks that provide reliable communication throughout Illinois (rather than a service creating and maintaining high speed telecommunications networks that provide reliable communication links for wholesale connections with other registered or certified providers and the direct communication needs of various anchor institutions throughout Illinois). Authorizes the Illinois Century Network to develop an end-to-end broadband network that may include, but may not be limited to, middle-mile and last-mile infrastructure. Deletes provisions requiring the Network to avoid duplication of existing communication networks if those networks are capable of maintaining sufficient capacity to meet the requirement of anchor institutions. Effective immediately.

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A BILL FOR

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 changing Section 10 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 3921/10)

7 Sec. 10. Illinois Century Network. The Illinois Century
8 Network shall be a service creating and maintaining high speed
9 telecommunications networks that provide reliable
10 communication ~~links for wholesale connections with other~~
11 ~~registered or certified providers and the direct communication~~
12 ~~needs of various anchor institutions~~ throughout Illinois. The
13 Illinois Century Network may build on existing investments in
14 networking schools, colleges, and universities. The Illinois
15 Century Network may develop an end-to-end broadband network
16 that may include, but may not be limited to, middle-mile and
17 last-mile infrastructure , ~~and shall avoid duplication of~~
18 ~~existing communication networks if those networks are capable~~
19 ~~of maintaining sufficient capacity to meet the requirements of~~
20 ~~anchor institutions.~~

21 By July 1, 2019, the Department of Innovation and
22 Technology shall perform a comprehensive review of the
23 Illinois Century Network including, but not limited to,

1 assets, connections, hardware, and capacity of the current
2 network. Nothing in this amendatory Act of the 100th General
3 Assembly shall change contractual obligations of the Illinois
4 Century Network that are effective on or before the effective
5 date of this amendatory Act of the 100th General Assembly.

6 (Source: P.A. 100-611, eff. 7-20-18.)

7 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
8 becoming law.