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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 1335/5
20 ILCS 1335/10
20 ILCS 1335/20
20 ILCS 1335/30
20 ILCS 1335/45
20 ILCS 1335/55
20 ILCS 1335/60
20 ILCS 3956/90

Amends the 2-1-1 Service Act. Makes changes to a provision concerning the designation of a lead entity to administer the statewide 2-1-1 system. Requires the lead entity to have: (1) demonstrated expertise in providing access to health and human services; and (5) a demonstrated track record of securing diversified funding sources in order to support sustainable operation of 2-1-1. Requires the lead entity to establish standards consistent with prevailing national standards established for providing information about and referrals to human services agencies to 2-1-1 callers. Requires the lead entity to provide annual reports to the Department of Human Services on the 2-1-1 system, including information on call volume and interactions, caller demographics, reasons for contact, service referral gaps, and other matters. Makes changes to the definitions of "approved 2-1-1 service provider", "2-1-1 service area", and "Human services". Removes the definitions for "pay telephone", "private branch exchange", and "recognized 2-1-1 service provider". Amends the Human Services 2-1-1 Collaboration Board Act. Provides that the Act is repealed on July 1, 2025. Effective immediately.

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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 2-1-1 Service Act is amended by changing
5 Sections 5, 10, 20, 30, 45, 55, and 60 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 1335/5)

7 Sec. 5. Findings. The General Assembly finds that the
8 implementation of a single, easy to use telephone number,
9 2-1-1, for public access to information and referral for
10 health and human services and information about access to
11 services after a natural or non-natural disaster will benefit
12 the residents ~~citizens~~ of this State by providing easier
13 access to available health and human services, by reducing
14 inefficiencies in connecting people with the desired service
15 providers, and by reducing duplication of efforts.

16 (Source: P.A. 96-599, eff. 1-1-10.)

17 (20 ILCS 1335/10)

18 Sec. 10. Definitions. As used in this Act:

19 "2-1-1" means the abbreviated dialing code assigned by the
20 Federal Communications Commission on July 21, 2000, for
21 consumer access to community information and referral
22 services.

1 "Department" means the Department of Human Services.

2 "Lead entity" means an Illinois 501(c)(3) non-profit
3 agency or organization designated by the Department to manage
4 use of the 2-1-1 dialing code for the purpose of providing the
5 public access to information about health and human services.

6 "Approved 2-1-1 service provider" means a public or
7 nonprofit agency or other organization designated by the lead
8 entity to provide 2-1-1 services and to be an authorized user
9 of the 2-1-1 dialing code in a 2-1-1 service area.

10 "2-1-1 service area" means an area of Illinois identified
11 by the lead entity as an area within which an approved ~~a~~
12 ~~recognized~~ 2-1-1 service provider is authorized to provide
13 2-1-1 services.

14 "2-1-1 services" means information and referral services
15 provided through the use of 2-1-1 and intended to promote and
16 provide access to human services, and to aid in disaster
17 response and recovery.

18 ~~"Recognized 2 1 1 service provider" means an organization~~
19 ~~recognized by the lead entity as an appropriate administrator~~
20 ~~and authorized user of the 2-1-1 dialing code in a 2-1-1~~
21 ~~service area.~~

22 "Human services" means services provided by government,
23 nonprofit, or other designated ~~faith-based~~ organizations to
24 ensure the health and well-being of Illinois residents. "Human
25 services" includes services designed to provide relief or
26 assistance after a natural or non-natural disaster.

1 ~~"Pay telephone" means any coin, coinless, or credit card~~
2 ~~reader telephone, provided that the end user pays or arranges~~
3 ~~to pay for exchange and interexchange, intraMSA, and interMSA~~
4 ~~calls from such instrument on an individual call basis.~~

5 ~~"Private branch exchange" or "PBX" means a private~~
6 ~~telephone system and associated equipment located on the~~
7 ~~user's property that provides communications between stations~~
8 ~~and external networks.~~

9 "Telecommunications carrier" has the same meaning ascribed
10 to that term in Section 13-202 of the Public Utilities Act.

11 (Source: P.A. 96-599, eff. 1-1-10.)

12 (20 ILCS 1335/20)

13 Sec. 20. Designation of lead entity for 2-1-1.

14 (a) Subject to subsection (e) of this Section, the
15 Department is authorized to identify, designate, and enter
16 into a contract with a lead entity to provide governance and
17 oversight, including the ability to design, implement,
18 support, and coordinate a State-wide 2-1-1 system.

19 (b) Qualifications for designation of the lead entity
20 shall include:

21 (1) a public or private governance structure with
22 representation from and active collaboration with State
23 health and human service departments, specifically the
24 Department, the Department of Healthcare and Family
25 Services, the Department on Aging, the Department of Human

1 Rights, the Department of Public Health, the Illinois
2 Emergency Management Agency, the Illinois Commerce
3 Commission, and non-governmental entity stakeholders;
4 non-governmental entity stakeholders shall constitute a
5 minimum of two-thirds of the representatives;

6 (2) demonstrated expertise or experience, or both, in
7 planning, supporting, and overseeing administration of ~~for~~
8 a State-wide information and referral system; ~~and~~

9 (3) demonstrated support from community partners,
10 including local 2-1-1 service providers;

11 (4) demonstrated expertise in providing access to
12 health and human services; and

13 (5) a demonstrated track record of securing
14 diversified funding sources, and evidence of existing
15 diversified funding sources, in order to support
16 sustainable operation of 2-1-1.

17 (c) The lead entity shall encourage the orderly and
18 efficient use of 2-1-1 to:

19 (1) provide referrals and access to human services;
20 and

21 (2) collect needed information about the demand for
22 ~~human services~~ and ~~the~~ delivery of human services in
23 Illinois.

24 (d) The lead entity shall establish standards consistent
25 with prevailing national standards established for providing
26 information about and referrals to human services agencies to

1 2-1-1 callers. The standards shall prescribe the technology or
2 manner of delivering 2-1-1 calls and shall not exceed any
3 requirements for 2-1-1 systems set by the Federal
4 Communications Commission. The standards shall be consistent
5 with the Americans with Disabilities Act, ensuring
6 accessibility for users of Teletypewriters for the Deaf (TTY).

7 (e) ~~(d)~~ The lead entity shall provide periodic
8 programmatic and fiscal reports on activities,
9 accomplishments, and other issues to the Department, as
10 outlined in Section 60.

11 (f) ~~(e)~~ In awarding the contract under subsection (a) of
12 this Section, the Department shall ensure that the 2-1-1 lead
13 entity has the organizational capacity to carry out the terms
14 of the contract and that the contract is cost-neutral to the
15 Department.

16 (Source: P.A. 96-599, eff. 1-1-10.)

17 (20 ILCS 1335/30)

18 Sec. 30. 2-1-1 services. Only a service provider approved
19 by the lead entity may provide 2-1-1 telephone services. The
20 lead entity shall approve 2-1-1 service providers, after
21 considering all of the following:

22 (1) the ability of the proposed 2-1-1 service provider
23 to meet the prevailing national 2-1-1 standards;
24 ~~recommended by the Alliance of Information and Referral~~
25 ~~Systems;~~

1 (2) the financial stability and health of the proposed
2 2-1-1 service provider;

3 (3) the community support for the proposed 2-1-1
4 service provider;

5 (4) the relationships with other information and
6 referral services; and

7 (5) any other criteria as the lead entity deems
8 appropriate.

9 (Source: P.A. 96-599, eff. 1-1-10.)

10 (20 ILCS 1335/45)

11 Sec. 45. Liability of 2-1-1 providers or
12 telecommunications carriers. An approved ~~A recognized~~ 2-1-1
13 service provider or telecommunications carrier and its
14 employees, directors, officers, and agents are not liable to
15 any person in a civil action for injuries or loss to persons or
16 property as a result of an act, omission, or delay of the
17 approved ~~recognized~~ 2-1-1 service provider or
18 telecommunications carrier, and its employees, directors,
19 officers, or agents, in connection with:

20 (1) developing, adopting, implementing, maintaining,
21 or operating a 2-1-1 system;

22 (2) making 2-1-1 available for use by the public; or

23 (3) providing 2-1-1 services;

24 except for injuries or loss resulting from the willful or
25 wanton misconduct of the 2-1-1 service provider or

1 telecommunications carrier and its employees, directors,
2 officers, or agents.

3 (Source: P.A. 96-599, eff. 1-1-10.)

4 (20 ILCS 1335/55)

5 Sec. 55. Use of moneys for projects and activities in
6 support of 2-1-1-eligible activities.

7 (a) The lead entity shall study, design, implement,
8 support, coordinate, and evaluate a State-wide 2-1-1 system.

9 (b) Activities eligible for assistance from the 2-1-1
10 Account Fund include, but are not limited to:

11 (1) Creating a structure for a State-wide 2-1-1
12 resources database that will meet prevailing national ~~the~~
13 ~~Alliance for Information and Referral Systems~~ standards
14 for information and referral systems databases and that
15 will be integrated with local resources databases
16 maintained by approved 2-1-1 service providers.

17 (2) Developing a State-wide resources database for the
18 2-1-1 system.

19 (3) Maintaining public information available from
20 State agencies, departments, and programs that provide
21 health and human services for access by 2-1-1 service
22 providers.

23 (4) Providing grants to approved 2-1-1 service
24 providers to design, develop, and implement 2-1-1 for
25 their ~~its~~ 2-1-1 service areas ~~area~~.

1 (5) Providing grants to approved 2-1-1 service
2 providers to enable 2-1-1 service providers to provide and
3 evaluate 2-1-1 service delivery on an ongoing basis.

4 (6) Providing grants to approved 2-1-1 service
5 providers to enable the provision of 2-1-1 services on a
6 24-hours per-day, 7-days per-week basis.

7 (Source: P.A. 96-599, eff. 1-1-10.)

8 (20 ILCS 1335/60)

9 Sec. 60. Annual reports. The lead entity shall provide an
10 initial report to the Department within 6 months after the
11 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 104th General
12 Assembly. Thereafter, the lead entity shall provide a report
13 to the Department on a regular basis as required in its
14 contract with the Department, at minimum annually. The report
15 shall include, at minimum, information on the following:

16 (1) Call volume and interactions. The total number of
17 inquiries, including calls, chats, texts, or web
18 inquiries, along with trends in monthly, quarterly, and
19 annual call volumes, and average response times for
20 handling inquiries.

21 (2) Caller demographics. The demographic information
22 of callers, including age, gender, and location, and any
23 other relevant identifiers, highlighting any notable
24 shifts or patterns in demographic data over time.

25 (3) Reasons for contact. A breakdown of inquiries by

1 category or type of referral request, including the demand
2 for, and need for, human services.

3 (4) Referrals made and service outcomes. The total
4 number of referrals made, specifying the programs or
5 services to which clients were referred.

6 (5) Service referral gaps. The total number of
7 requests for services or programs for which referral to an
8 existing service provider is not able to be made,
9 including description of services requested.

10 (6) Service providers and coverage rates. The
11 percentage of statewide coverage reached, noting any
12 regions that lack adequate coverage.

13 (7) Trends and comparisons. Year-over-year trends of
14 the data outlined in paragraphs (1) through (6).

15 ~~The lead entity shall provide an annual report to the General~~
16 ~~Assembly and the Department beginning in calendar year 2010.~~

17 (Source: P.A. 96-599, eff. 1-1-10.)

18 Section 10. The Human Services 2-1-1 Collaboration Board
19 Act is amended by changing Section 90 as follows:

20 (20 ILCS 3956/90)

21 (For Act repeal see Section 90)

22 Sec. 90. Repealer. This Act is repealed on July 1, 2025.
23 ~~upon designation by the Secretary of Human Services that a~~
24 ~~lead entity is under contract with the Department of Human~~

1 ~~Services to carry out the provisions of the 2-1-1 Service Act.~~
2 ~~The Secretary shall designate that a lead entity is under~~
3 ~~contract with the Department of Human Services to carry out~~
4 ~~the provisions of the 2-1-1 Service Act by filing a statement~~
5 ~~with the Index Department of the Secretary of State.~~

6 (Source: P.A. 96-599, eff. 1-1-10.)

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