

97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2011 and 2012 SB3745

Introduced 2/10/2012, by Sen. Carole Pankau

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the State Cell Phone Responsibility Act. Requires, on a monthly basis, each employee of a State agency who has been issued a cell phone for State business to submit, to the Director or Secretary of that State agency, a log of each phone call and text message that was sent or received on that phone during the preceding month and a signed certification either (i) that each call and text message on the log was for State business or (ii) that one or more calls or text messages were for other than State business. Provides that, if the employee certifies that one or more calls or text messages were for other than State business, then he or she must reimburse the State agency for each phone call and text message sent or received for other than State business. Authorizes the Director or Secretary of each State agency to set the reimbursement rate in a manner that will not only recover the cost of those calls and text messages, but also discourage the future use of State-issued cell phones for reasons other than State business. Requires, on a quarterly basis, the Director or Secretary of each State Agency to submit to the Office of the Executive Inspector General having jurisdiction over that State agency (i) copies of all logs and certifications made during the preceding quarter and (ii) a report of any employees who have not made the required reimbursement. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

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

- Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the State

 Cell Phone Responsibility Act.
- Section 5. Definitions. "State agency" means any department, office, commission, board, or authority within the Executive Branch.

Section 10. Reporting the use of State-issued cell phones for prohibited purposes. On a monthly basis, each employee of a State agency who has been issued a cell phone for State business shall submit, to the Director or Secretary of that State agency, a log of each phone call and text message that was sent or received on that phone during the preceding month and a signed certification either (i) that each call and text message on the log was for State business or (ii) that one or more calls or text messages were for other than State business. If the employee certifies that one or more calls or text messages were for other than State business, then he or she shall reimburse the State agency for each phone call and text message sent or received on that phone for other than State business. The Director or Secretary of each State agency shall

1 set the reimbursement rate in a manner that will not only 2 recover the cost of those calls and text messages, but also discourage the future use of State-issued cell phones for 3 reasons other than State business. On a quarterly basis, the 5 Director or Secretary of each State Agency shall submit to the 6 Office of the Executive Inspector General having jurisdiction agency (i) copies of 7 that State all logs and certifications made during the preceding quarter and (ii) a 8 9 report of any employees who have not made the required 10 reimbursement.

11 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon 12 becoming law.