

**SB0834**



**98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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Introduced 1/24/2013, by Sen. John J. Cullerton

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

405 ILCS 30/1

from Ch. 91 1/2, par. 901

Amends the Community Services Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning legislative purpose.

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**A BILL FOR**

1 AN ACT concerning health.

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

4 Section 5. The Community Services Act is amended by  
5 changing Section 1 as follows:

6 (405 ILCS 30/1) (from Ch. 91 1/2, par. 901)

7 Sec. 1. Purpose. It is declared to be the ~~the~~ policy and  
8 intent of the Illinois General Assembly that the Department of  
9 Human Services assume leadership in facilitating the  
10 establishment of comprehensive and coordinated arrays of  
11 private and public services for persons with mental illness,  
12 persons with a developmental disability, and alcohol and drug  
13 dependent citizens residing in communities throughout the  
14 state. The Department shall work in partnership with local  
15 government entities, direct service providers, voluntary  
16 associations and communities to create a system that is  
17 sensitive to the needs of local communities and which  
18 complements existing family and other natural supports, social  
19 institutions and programs.

20 The goals of the service system shall include but not be  
21 limited to the following: to strengthen the disabled  
22 individual's independence, self-esteem and ability to  
23 participate in and contribute to community life; to insure

1 continuity of care for clients; to enable disabled persons to  
2 access needed services, commensurate with their individual  
3 wishes and needs, regardless of where they reside in the state;  
4 to prevent unnecessary institutionalization and the  
5 dislocation of individuals from their home communities; to  
6 provide a range of services so that persons can receive these  
7 services in settings which do not unnecessarily restrict their  
8 liberty; and to encourage clients to move among settings as  
9 their needs change.

10 The system shall include provision of services in the areas  
11 of prevention, client assessment and diagnosis, case  
12 coordination, crisis and emergency care, treatment and  
13 habilitation and support services, and community residential  
14 alternatives to institutional settings. The General Assembly  
15 recognizes that community programs are an integral part of the  
16 larger service system, which includes state-operated  
17 facilities for persons who cannot receive appropriate services  
18 in the community.

19 Towards achievement of these ends, the Department of Human  
20 Services, working in coordination with other State agencies,  
21 shall assume responsibilities pursuant to this Act, which  
22 includes activities in the areas of planning, quality  
23 assurance, program evaluation, community education, and the  
24 provision of financial and technical assistance to local  
25 provider agencies.

26 (Source: P.A. 88-380; 89-507, eff. 7-1-97.)