**Section 2250.10 Purpose and Summary**

The purpose of this Part is to provide for the implementation and administration of AmeriCorps, a national service program created by the National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993, within the Illinois Department of Human Services and the Illinois Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service, also referred to as the Serve Illinois Commission. AmeriCorps is a federal program implemented by the states designed to address the nation's educational, public safety, human and environmental needs by providing an opportunity for people, 18 years of age or older, to serve their communities in programs and, in return, receive a stipend and an educational award that can be used to repay student loans or for future education.