

HB4995



102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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Introduced 1/27/2022, by Rep. Justin Slaughter

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

30 ILCS 780/5-3

Amends the Eliminate the Digital Divide Law. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning legislative findings.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning finance.

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

4 Section 5. The Eliminate the Digital Divide Law is amended
5 by changing Section 5-3 as follows:

6 (30 ILCS 780/5-3)

7 Sec. 5-3. Statement of legislative findings and purposes.

8 The ~~The~~ General Assembly finds that the growth of high
9 technology industry, including computers, the Internet, and
10 advanced telecommunications, has created a division in
11 society. Those who are able to master the tools of the new
12 digital technology and have access to the technology have
13 benefited in the form of improved employment possibilities and
14 a higher standard of life. Those who are unfamiliar with the
15 new technologies, or do not have access to them, are
16 increasingly constrained to marginal employment and a standard
17 of living near the poverty level. This "digital divide"
18 parallels existing economic, racial, and gender divisions in
19 society, with the more privileged members of society having
20 much greater opportunity to benefit from the new technologies
21 than those who are less favorably situated. It is the purpose
22 of this Law to establish educational and economic development
23 initiatives that will bridge the digital divide, making

1 possible a society in which all individuals can benefit from
2 the opportunities provided by the new technologies.

3 (Source: P.A. 91-704, eff. 7-1-00.)