

SB0979



102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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Introduced 2/25/2021, by Sen. Don Harmon

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 independence,
22 self-esteem, and ability of the individual with a disability
23 to participate in and contribute to community life; to insure

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

10 The system shall include provision of services in the
11 areas 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. 99-143, eff. 7-27-15.)