



103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2023 and 2024

HB2921

Introduced 2/16/2023, by Rep. Dennis Tipword, Jr.

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 105/8.13 new
30 ILCS 105/5.990 new

Amends the Illinois Act on the Aging. Requires the Department on Aging to establish and administer a statewide 5-year pilot program to provide grant awards to counties and municipalities interested in maintaining a local recovery program for individuals who wander due to a medical condition such as Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, autism, or other specified disorders. Provides that under a county's or municipality's local recovery program, persons with a history of wandering shall receive a fitted electronic bracelet that emits a unique radio signal 24 hours a day that can be identified and tracked by a designated search team of volunteers, lead by local law enforcement, when alerted through a 911 emergency call about a missing person who has a history of wandering. Provides that any grant amounts provided to a county or municipality under the pilot program must be used to cover the costs associated with purchasing the electronic bracelets, training a designated team of volunteer search personnel, conducting community outreach activities to inform local residents and eligible families about the local recovery program, and any other costs required to implement the local recovery program. Provides that all funding for the pilot program shall come from private donations to the Department. Requires all donated moneys received by the Department for the pilot program to be deposited into the Local Recovery Programs for Persons Who Wander Fund, a special fund created in the State treasury. Provides that moneys in the Fund shall be expended to make grant awards under the pilot program and for no other purpose; and that all interest earned on moneys in the Fund shall be deposited into the Fund. Requires the Department to adopt any rules necessary to implement the pilot program, including, but not limited to, rules on the application and eligibility requirements, grant amounts awarded under the pilot program, and equipment standards for the electronic bracelets. Amends the State Finance Act to create the Local Recovery Programs for Persons Who Wander Fund. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning State government.

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

4 Section 5. The Illinois Act on the Aging is amended by
5 adding Section 8.13 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 105/8.13 new)

7 Sec. 8.13. Pilot program for persons who wander. The
8 Department on Aging shall establish and administer a statewide
9 5-year pilot program to provide grant awards to counties and
10 municipalities interested in maintaining a local recovery
11 program for individuals who wander due to a medical condition
12 such as Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, autism,
13 brain injury, or developmental, cognitive, neurological, or
14 chromosomal disorders. Under a county's or municipality's
15 local recovery program, persons with a history of wandering
16 shall receive a fitted electronic bracelet that emits a unique
17 radio signal 24 hours a day that can be identified and tracked
18 by a designated search team of volunteers, lead by local law
19 enforcement, when alerted through a 911 emergency call about a
20 missing person who has a history of wandering.

21 Any grant amounts provided to a county or municipality
22 under the pilot program must be used to cover the costs
23 associated with purchasing the electronic bracelets, training

1 a designated team of volunteer search personnel, conducting
2 community outreach activities to inform local residents and
3 eligible families about the local recovery program for persons
4 who wander, and any other costs required to implement the
5 local recovery program.

6 All funding for the pilot program shall come from private
7 donations made to the Department by local social and
8 professional clubs or associations, hospitals, and health
9 agencies. All donated moneys received by the Department for
10 the pilot program shall be deposited into the Local Recovery
11 Programs for Persons Who Wander Fund, a special fund created
12 in the State treasury. Moneys in the Fund shall be expended to
13 make grant awards under the pilot program and for no other
14 purpose. All interest earned on moneys in the Fund shall be
15 deposited into the Fund.

16 The Department shall adopt any rules necessary to
17 implement the pilot program, including, but not limited to,
18 rules on the application and eligibility requirements for
19 counties and municipalities interested in maintaining a local
20 recover program for persons who wander, grant amounts awarded
21 under the pilot program, and equipment standards for the
22 electronic bracelets.

23 Section 10. The State Finance Act is amended by adding
24 Section 5.990 as follows:

1 (30 ILCS 105/5.990 new)

2 Sec. 5.990. Local Recovery Programs for Persons Who Wander
3 Fund.

4 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
5 becoming law.