

1 AN ACT in relation to aging.

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

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Community Senior Services and Resources Act.

6 Section 5. Legislative findings. The General Assembly
7 recognizes that community senior services and resource
8 centers:

9 (1) serve as the Department on Aging's
10 community-level counterpart;

11 (2) serve as the infrastructure of the senior
12 services delivery system;

13 (3) provide one-stop convenience for seniors and
14 their families;

15 (4) assist seniors in avoiding inappropriate
16 institutionalization; and

17 (5) address the health, safety, and well-being of
18 those who receive senior services at home and those who
19 receive them in an institutional setting.

20 Section 10. Legislative intent. It is the intent of the
21 General Assembly that the Department advocate on behalf of
22 community senior services and resource centers and promote
23 their financial stability through direct grants and
24 identification of alternative funding sources.

25 Section 15. Definitions. For the purposes of this Act:

26 "Advisory Committee" means the Community Senior Services
27 and Resource Center Advisory Committee created under Section
28 35.

1 "Center" means a community senior services and resource
2 center.

3 "Department" means the Department on Aging.

4 "Director" means the Director of Aging.

5 "Senior" means an individual 60 years of age or older.

6 "Home or community based services" includes the
7 following: elder abuse; home-delivered meals; case
8 management; wellness and fitness programs; counseling; adult
9 day services; respite care; senior benefits outreach;
10 congregate meals; long-term care ombudsman services; job
11 training and placement; transportation; chore homemaker
12 services; caregiver support; computer literacy; and any
13 program that assists participants in avoiding inappropriate
14 institutional placement or addresses participants' health,
15 safety, or well-being, regardless of whether the service is
16 received in a participant's home or in an institutional
17 setting and a majority of participants are seniors or family
18 of seniors.

19 Section 20. Duties. The Department shall perform all of
20 the following duties:

21 (1) Administer this Act and promulgate any rules,
22 regulations, guidelines, and directives necessary for its
23 implementation.

24 (2) Establish a Community Senior Services and
25 Resource Center Advisory Committee.

26 (3) Make grants to non-profit agencies and units of
27 local government under Section 25 of this Act in
28 consultation with the Advisory Committee.

29 (4) Facilitate access to government-issued bonds
30 for the purpose of capital improvement.

31 (5) Provide technical assistance to centers.

32 (6) Develop a comprehensive list of centers and the
33 senior services they offer for publication on the

1 Department's web site and for distribution through other
2 promotional opportunities.

3 (7) Develop a survey for annual distribution
4 through the centers to gather information concerning the
5 lack or inadequacy of senior services and to identify
6 service demand trends and the unique needs of older
7 Illinoisans and their families.

8 (8) Conduct an annual survey of centers to assess
9 their facility, program, and operational needs.

10 (9) Report annually in conjunction with the
11 Advisory Committee to the Governor and the General
12 Assembly. The report shall include findings from all
13 surveys conducted pursuant to this Act, a list of
14 grantees by county, and recommendations concerning the
15 ongoing financial stability of centers.

16 (10) Pursue alternative funding opportunities.

17 Section 25. Community senior services and resource
18 center grants.

19 (a) On and after January 1, 2005, the Department may
20 award grants under this Act. It is the General Assembly's
21 intent that grants awarded under this Act shall be made to
22 the extent of the availability and level of appropriations
23 made for this purpose by the General Assembly.

24 (b) A center must meet the following criteria to be
25 eligible to receive a grant under this Section:

26 (1) It must be a non-profit agency or a unit of
27 local government.

28 (2) It must be housed in a building or portion of a
29 building that includes space for group activities offered
30 to the community at large.

31 (3) It must be open 5 or more days each week, 7 or
32 more hours per day.

33 (4) It must employ paid staff.

1 (5) It must offer 5 or more home or community-based
2 services to the community at large on a daily basis.

3 (6) A majority of the participants in the center's
4 programs must be seniors or family members of seniors.

5 (c) A center must apply for a grant in the manner
6 prescribed by the Department. At a minimum, the application
7 must do the following:

8 (1) Describe the services offered by the center.

9 (2) Identify the special needs of the center and
10 how the grant will be used to alleviate identified
11 funding problems.

12 (3) Demonstrate that the center addresses the
13 service needs of seniors in the community served by the
14 center.

15 (4) Describe other potential funding sources.

16 (5) Describe additional funding opportunities, if
17 any, to be leveraged with grant funds.

18 (6) Provide proof of the center's involvement in
19 the community's greater service delivery system.

20 Section 30. Funding; waivers. The Director may seek and
21 obtain non-State resources for which the State may be
22 eligible and other dedicated revenue streams and may also
23 seek and obtain waivers of federal requirements from the U.S.
24 Department of Health and Human Services.

25 Section 35. Community Senior Services and Resource
26 Center Advisory Committee.

27 (a) The Community Senior Services and Resource Center
28 Advisory Committee shall be established by the Department.
29 The Advisory Committee shall advise the Director in all
30 aspects of the administration of this Act, including the
31 determination of grant awards.

32 (b) The Advisory Committee shall be composed of the

1 Director, who shall serve as a nonvoting ex officio member,
2 and 12 voting members. The voting members shall select a
3 chairperson from among their number. The Governor shall
4 appoint the 12 voting members as follows:

5 (1) Two members selected from recommendations
6 provided by an association representing non-profit
7 centers.

8 (2) Two members selected from recommendations
9 provided by an association representing township
10 governments.

11 (3) Two members selected from recommendations
12 provided by an association representing park districts.

13 (4) Two members selected from recommendations
14 provided by an association representing municipalities.

15 (5) Two members selected from recommendations
16 provided by statewide membership-based organizations that
17 engage solely in advocacy on behalf of the senior
18 population.

19 (6) Two members selected from individuals who are
20 active participants in programs at a center.

21 (c) All voting members shall be appointed by January 1,
22 2004. As determined by lot at the time of their appointment,
23 4 of the initial appointee's terms shall expire in one year;
24 4 in 2 years; and 4 in 3 years. Thereafter, all voting
25 members shall be appointed to serve for terms of 3 years. A
26 voting member's term does not expire until a successor is
27 appointed by the Governor. A voting member appointed to fill
28 a vacancy occurring before the expiration of the term for
29 which his or her predecessor was appointed shall be appointed
30 for the remainder of that term.

31 (d) The Advisory Committee shall meet on a quarterly
32 basis and at other times at the call of the chair. The
33 affirmative vote of 7 members of the Advisory Committee shall
34 be required to take action. Members of the Advisory Committee

1 shall receive no compensation for their service and shall not
2 be reimbursed for expenses related to their service.

3 (e) To the extent possible, members of the Advisory
4 Committee shall assist the Department in reviewing grant
5 applications.

6 (f) The Advisory Committee shall be provided with draft
7 copies of proposed survey instruments for their review and
8 comment before the survey is conducted.

9 (g) The Advisory Committee shall be provided with copies
10 of all administrative rules and changes to administrative
11 rules implementing this Act for their review and comment
12 before notice of the proposed rules or changes is given as
13 required under the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act. If
14 the Advisory Committee, having been asked for its review,
15 fails to comment to the Department on the proposed rules or
16 changes within 90 days, the Department may proceed as
17 required for rulemaking under the Illinois Administrative
18 Procedure Act.

19 Section 40. Community Senior Services and Resources
20 Fund. The Community Senior Services and Resources Fund is
21 created as a special fund in the State treasury. All moneys
22 received by the Department for the implementation of this Act
23 shall be deposited into the Fund. Subject to appropriation,
24 moneys in the Fund shall be used for grant awards and for the
25 administration of this Act. Interest earned on moneys in the
26 Fund shall be credited to the Fund.

27 Section 90. The State Finance Act is amended by adding
28 Section 5.595 as follows:

29 (30 ILCS 105/5.595 new)

30 Sec. 5.595. The Community Senior Services and Resources
31 Fund.

1 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
2 becoming law.