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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 3650

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 3650, AS AMENDED, by  
3 replacing everything after the enacting clause with the  
4 following:

5 "Section 5. The Eliminate the Digital Divide Law is amended  
6 by changing Section 5-30 as follows:

7 (30 ILCS 780/5-30)

8 Sec. 5-30. Community Technology Grant Program.

9 (a) Subject to appropriation, the Department shall  
10 administer the Community Technology Center Grant Program under  
11 which the Department shall make grants in accordance with this  
12 Article for planning, establishment, administration, and  
13 expansion of Community Technology Centers and for assisting  
14 public hospitals, libraries, and park districts in eliminating  
15 the digital divide. The purposes of the grants shall include,  
16 but not be limited to, volunteer recruitment and management,  
17 training and instruction, infrastructure, and related goods  
18 and services for Community Technology Centers and public  
19 hospitals, libraries, and park districts. The total amount of  
20 grants under this Section in fiscal year 2001 shall not exceed  
21 \$2,000,000, except that this limit on grants shall not apply to  
22 grants funded by appropriations from the Digital Divide  
23 Elimination Fund. No Community Technology Center may receive a  
24 grant of more than \$50,000 under this Section in a particular

1 fiscal year.

2 (b) Public hospitals, libraries, park districts, and State  
3 educational agencies, local educational agencies, institutions  
4 of higher education, and other public and private nonprofit or  
5 for-profit agencies and organizations are eligible to receive  
6 grants under this Program, provided that a local educational  
7 agency or public or private educational agency or organization  
8 must, in order to be eligible to receive grants under this  
9 Program, provide computer access and educational services  
10 using information technology to the public at one or more of  
11 its educational buildings or facilities at least 12 hours each  
12 week. A group of eligible entities is also eligible to receive  
13 a grant if the group follows the procedures for group  
14 applications in 34 CFR 75.127-129 of the Education Department  
15 General Administrative Regulations.

16 To be eligible to apply for a grant, a Community Technology  
17 Center, public hospital, library, or park district must serve a  
18 community in which not less than 40% of the students are  
19 eligible for a free or reduced price lunch under the national  
20 school lunch program or in which not less than 30% of the  
21 students are eligible for a free lunch under the national  
22 school lunch program; however, if funding is insufficient to  
23 approve all grant applications for a particular fiscal year,  
24 the Department may impose a higher minimum percentage threshold  
25 for that fiscal year. Determinations of communities and  
26 determinations of the percentage of students in a community who  
27 are eligible for a free or reduced price lunch under the  
28 national school lunch program shall be in accordance with rules  
29 adopted by the Department.

30 Any entities that have received a Community Technology  
31 Center grant under the federal Community Technology Centers  
32 Program are also eligible to apply for grants under this  
33 Program.

34 The Department shall provide assistance to Community

1 Technology Centers in making those determinations for purposes  
2 of applying for grants.

3 (c) Grant applications shall be submitted to the Department  
4 not later than March 15 for the next fiscal year.

5 (d) The Department shall adopt rules setting forth the  
6 required form and contents of grant applications.

7 (e) There is created the Digital Divide Elimination  
8 Advisory Committee. The advisory committee shall consist of 7 ~~5~~  
9 members appointed one each by the Governor, the President of  
10 the Senate, the Senate Minority Leader, the Speaker of the  
11 House, and the House Minority Leader, and 2 appointed by the  
12 Director of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, one of whom  
13 shall be a representative of the telecommunications industry  
14 and one of whom shall represent community technology centers.

15 The members of the advisory committee shall receive no  
16 compensation for their services as members of the advisory  
17 committee but may be reimbursed for their actual expenses  
18 incurred in serving on the advisory committee. The Digital  
19 Divide Elimination Advisory Committee shall advise the  
20 Department in establishing criteria and priorities for  
21 identifying recipients of grants under this Act. The advisory  
22 committee shall obtain advice from the technology industry  
23 regarding current technological standards. The advisory  
24 committee shall seek any available federal funding.

25 (f) There is created the Digital Divide Elimination Working  
26 Group. The Working Group shall consist of the Director of  
27 Commerce and Economic Opportunity, or his or her designee, the  
28 Director of Central Management Services, or his or her  
29 designee, and the Executive Director of the Illinois Commerce  
30 Commission, or his or her designee. The Director of Commerce  
31 and Economic Opportunity, or his or her designee, shall serve  
32 as chair of the Working Group. The Working Group shall consult  
33 with the members of the Digital Divide Elimination Advisory  
34 Committee and may consult with various groups including, but

1 not limited to, telecommunications providers,  
2 telecommunications-related technology producers and service  
3 providers, community technology providers, community and  
4 consumer organizations, businesses and business organizations,  
5 and federal government agencies.

6 (g) Duties of the Digital Divide Elimination Working Group  
7 include all of the following:

8 (1) Undertaking a thorough review of grant programs  
9 available through the federal government, local agencies,  
10 telecommunications providers, and business and charitable  
11 entities for the purpose of identifying appropriate  
12 sources of revenues for the Digital Divide Elimination Fund  
13 and attempting to update available grants on a regular  
14 basis.

15 (2) Researching and cataloging programs designed to  
16 advance digital literacy and computer access that are  
17 available through the federal government, local agencies,  
18 telecommunications providers, and business and charitable  
19 entities and attempting to update available programs on a  
20 regular basis.

21 (3) Presenting the information compiled from items (1)  
22 and (2) to the Department of Commerce and Economic  
23 Opportunity, which shall serve as a single point of contact  
24 for applying for funding for the Digital Divide Elimination  
25 Fund and for distributing information to the public  
26 regarding all programs designed to advance digital  
27 literacy and computer access.

28 (Source: P.A. 91-704, eff. 7-1-00; 92-22, eff. 6-30-01.)

29 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
30 becoming law."