

1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 3353

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 3353 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Eliminate the Digital Divide Law is  
5 amended by adding Sections 5-50, 5-55, 5-60, 5-65, and 5-70  
6 as follows:

7 (30 ILCS 780/5-50 new)

8 Sec. 5-50. Community Technology Network Grants.

9 (a) Subject to appropriation, the Department must  
10 administer a special program of Community Technology Network  
11 Grants in coordination with the Community Technology Center  
12 Grant Program. The purpose of the grants is to provide  
13 business planning tools, sustainability planning assistance,  
14 and outcome tracking tools and services for community  
15 technology centers and initiatives. The focus of the program  
16 shall be on the integration of centers and initiatives into  
17 community area-wide networks of nonprofit organizations;  
18 public agencies; education, library, and cultural  
19 institutions; and businesses and chambers of commerce.  
20 Grants must be made to applicants that currently have  
21 broad-based community networks serving multiple communities  
22 in need, and that will provide community improvement,

1 community mapping, technology skill development, technology  
2 staff and volunteer development, educational content, health  
3 and public safety or other network support. The total amount  
4 of grants awarded in fiscal year 2002 may not exceed  
5 \$1,500,000. An applicant for a grant under this subsection  
6 may also apply for a grant under the Community Technology  
7 Center Grant Program.

8 (b) Subject to appropriation, the Department may expend  
9 not more than \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2002 to establish and  
10 support a Statewide Community Technology Center Network to  
11 (i) assist in local and regional planning and evaluation  
12 under this Law, (ii) support coordination among community  
13 technology center initiatives, community computer recycling  
14 center network activities, community-university information  
15 extension activities, (iii) plan for public-private  
16 sustainability of community technology centers and community  
17 information networks, and (iv) match or coordinate funding  
18 support for statewide activities to improve the capacity and  
19 productivity of community technology centers, initiatives,  
20 and networks.

21 (30 ILCS 780/5-55 new)

22 Sec. 5-55. Community Computer Recycling Network Grant  
23 Program.

24 (a) Subject to appropriation, the Department must  
25 administer the Community Computer Recycling Center Network  
26 Grant Program under which the Department shall make grants in  
27 accordance with this Law for the planning, establishment,  
28 administration, and expansion of community, area-wide,  
29 countywide, and multi-countywide networks of centers that  
30 undertake community computer recycling, refurbishment, earned  
31 technology, technology-based training, small technology  
32 business programs, and community and nonprofit institutional  
33 distribution programs for low-income and underserved

1 populations. Grants shall be made to networks of centers  
2 that (i) work together to serve their areas or districts,  
3 (ii) link those programs to social services, health care,  
4 public safety, housing, and basic human resource networks  
5 that support improvement in the quality of lives of  
6 individuals, families, and the nonprofit institutions, (iii)  
7 are part of the community support networks, and (iv)  
8 coordinate activities with grantees of the Department's  
9 Illinois Recycling Grants Program. The total amount of  
10 grants awarded under this Section in fiscal year 2002 may not  
11 exceed \$2,000,000. No network may receive a grant in excess  
12 of \$75,000.

13 (b) Subject to appropriation, the Department shall  
14 expend not more than \$200,000 in fiscal year 2002 to  
15 establish and support a Statewide Community Computer  
16 Recycling Network in coordination with other statewide  
17 community technology support initiatives and with a focus on  
18 the development and adoption of standardized software and  
19 hardware licensing agreements for the use of donated  
20 computers and other technology by nonprofit  
21 institution-managed programs for community recycling and  
22 earned computer programs.

23 (30 ILCS 780/5-60 new)

24 Sec. 5-60. Community-Higher Education Information  
25 Extension Program. The Illinois Century Network, in  
26 cooperation with the Department, must:

27 (1) Establish a Community-Higher Education  
28 Information Extension Consortium that will link community  
29 and social service nonprofit organizations, including  
30 community technology centers, chambers of commerce, and  
31 economic development organizations. The Community-Higher  
32 Education Information Extension Consortium shall focus on  
33 building local human resource networks and computer

1 technology user networks that link community, education,  
2 business, and public agencies in local communities or  
3 district areas with not fewer than 60,000 and not more  
4 250,000 residents. The Consortium shall also develop a  
5 special planning initiative to link the current Illinois  
6 Century Network learning institutions with community  
7 institutions that have an interest in connection to the  
8 Illinois Century Network's learner information networks.  
9 For the purposes of this paragraph, "Illinois Century  
10 Network learning institution" means any schools, higher  
11 education institutions, libraries, and cultural  
12 institutions in the State included in the Illinois  
13 Century Network.

14 (2) Conduct planning and program development  
15 activities for the current Illinois Century Network  
16 community-higher education and community-learning  
17 institutions in each district and subdistrict that  
18 involve the development of local consortia of community  
19 institutions and the preparation and recommendations on  
20 cooperative activities statewide and for each district  
21 and subdistrict.

22 (30 ILCS 780/5-65 new)

23 Sec. 5-65. Technology planning. The Department, working  
24 with the Illinois Century Network, the Governor's Office of  
25 Technology, other public agencies, and a cross-section of  
26 private community, nonprofit, and business sector parties, in  
27 person and through distance learning and on-line  
28 communications, must review developments in priorities for  
29 community technology planning and support by federal  
30 agencies, including the United States Department of Commerce,  
31 the United States Department of Education, the United States  
32 Department of Housing and Urban Development, the United  
33 States Department of Justice, the United States Department of

1 Health and Human Services, and other federal agencies and  
2 federally-supported programs, and must prepare  
3 recommendations concerning the best use of State-funded  
4 community technology programs to provide sustainability  
5 planning in relation to federal programs. During the course  
6 of the review, at least one distance learning conference  
7 using the preliminary findings must be conducted at locations  
8 around the State in order to obtain public comments on the  
9 findings. A report and recommendations must be completed no  
10 later than December 1, 2001 in order to assist in planning  
11 for the State budget for fiscal year 2003.

12 (30 ILCS 780/5-70 new)

13 Sec. 5-70. Community-based technology job training.

14 (a) The Department must, through grants, support the  
15 development and delivery of community-based technology job  
16 training initiatives to help disadvantaged job seekers and  
17 low-wage and displaced workers in Illinois with one or more  
18 of the following:

19 (1) Obtaining technology workplace literacy skills  
20 and other technology job readiness skills identified by  
21 an individual employer or by an industrial sector, and  
22 obtaining initial employment.

23 (2) Developing technology job and career management  
24 skills, as demonstrated by employer-endorsed credentials  
25 and portfolios of proven work experience, and obtaining  
26 and retaining stable employment.

27 (3) Advancing in employment through certified  
28 technology skills, necessary work experience, and career  
29 management skills that meet the needs of employers.

30 Eligible applicants for community-based technology job  
31 training grants include community-based organizations,  
32 community technology centers, and community colleges that  
33 primarily serve low-income persons and that facilitate

1 working partnerships with employers in both technology and  
2 non-technology sectors.

3 (b) Subject to appropriation, the Department shall expend  
4 not more the \$4,000,000 in any fiscal year to make grants  
5 under this Section.

6 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
7 becoming law.".