



93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 3921/10

Amends the Illinois Century Network Act. Provides that the Network shall provide broadband access to certain businesses to encourage expansion of broadband in underserved areas. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

1 AN ACT concerning broadband access.

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

4 Section 5. The Illinois Century Network Act is amended by
5 changing Section 10 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 3921/10)

7 Sec. 10. Illinois Century Network. The Illinois Century
8 Network shall be a service creating and maintaining high speed
9 telecommunications networks that provide reliable
10 communication links to and among Illinois schools,
11 institutions of higher education, libraries, museums, research
12 institutions, State agencies, units of local government,
13 businesses, and other local entities that provide services to
14 Illinois citizens. The Illinois Century Network shall build on
15 existing investments in networking schools, colleges, and
16 universities, avoid duplication of future efforts, maintain
17 sufficient capacity to meet the requirements of the
18 participating institutions, and stay current with rapid
19 developments in technology. The Illinois Century Network shall
20 be capable of delivering state-of-the-art access to education,
21 training, and electronic information and shall provide access
22 to networking technologies for institutions located in even the
23 most remote areas of this State. The Illinois Century Network
24 shall provide broadband access (including wireless fidelity,
25 "wi-fi") to certain businesses certified by the Department of
26 Commerce and Economic Opportunity in order to encourage the
27 expansion of "last-mile" broadband in underserved areas of the
28 State. The Illinois Century Network shall also undertake other
29 legislative initiatives to encourage that expansion.

30 (Source: P.A. 91-21, eff. 7-1-99; 92-691, eff. 7-18-02.)

31 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
32 becoming law.