

94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2005 and 2006 HB3028

Introduced 2/22/2005, by Rep. Tom Cross

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

405 ILCS 30/1

from Ch. 91 1/2, par. 901

Amends the Community Services Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning legislative purpose.

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1 AN ACT concerning health.

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

- Section 5. The Community Services Act is amended by changing Section 1 as follows:
- 6 (405 ILCS 30/1) (from Ch. 91 1/2, par. 901)

7 Sec. 1. Purpose. It is declared to be the the policy and intent of the Illinois General Assembly that the Department of 8 9 Services assume leadership in facilitating establishment of comprehensive and coordinated arrays of 10 private and public services for persons with mental illness, 11 persons with a developmental disability, and alcohol and drug 12 dependent citizens residing in communities throughout the 13 14 state. The Department shall work in partnership with local 15 government entities, direct service providers, voluntary associations and communities to create a system that 16 17 sensitive to the needs of local communities and which complements existing family and other natural supports, social 18 19 institutions and programs.

The goals of the service system shall include but not be limited to the following: to strengthen the disabled individual's independence, self-esteem and ability participate in and contribute to community life; to insure continuity of care for clients; to enable disabled persons to access needed services, commensurate with their individual wishes and needs, regardless of where they reside in the state; unnecessary institutionalization prevent dislocation of individuals from their home communities; to provide a range of services so that persons can receive these services in settings which do not unnecessarily restrict their liberty; and to encourage clients to move among settings as their needs change.

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The system shall include provision of services in the areas 2 prevention, client assessment and diagnosis, case 3 coordination, crisis and emergency care, treatment and 4 habilitation and support services, and community residential 5 alternatives to institutional settings. The General Assembly 6 recognizes that community programs are an integral part of the 7 larger service system, which includes state-operated 8 facilities for persons who cannot receive appropriate services 9 in the community.

Towards achievement of these ends, the Department of Human Services, working in coordination with other State agencies, shall assume responsibilities pursuant to this Act, which includes activities in the areas of planning, quality assurance, program evaluation, community education, and the provision of financial and technical assistance to local provider agencies.

17 (Source: P.A. 88-380; 89-507, eff. 7-1-97.)