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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Health Access Network Act. Requires the Department of Public Health to establish a pilot program in Kane County to provide funding for and coordination of specialty health care services, pharmaceutical drug assistance, and diagnostic testing for individuals who are not eligible for medical assistance under the Illinois Public Aid Code and who do not have other health insurance coverage. Provides that an entity that has established consortia of health entities may apply for a grant to administer the pilot program. Provides for operation of a multi-county program. Requires a report by the Department to the General Assembly. Provides that implementation of the pilot program is subject to appropriations. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning health.

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 Health
5 Access Network Act.

6 Section 5. Purpose. The purpose of this Act is to provide
7 aid to existing primary health care safety nets for specialty
8 care that will allow the development of a comprehensive system
9 of health care services.

10 Section 10. Definition. In this Act, "Department" means the
11 Department of Public Health.

12 Section 15. Pilot program. The Department shall establish a
13 Health Access Network pilot program in Kane County. The program
14 shall provide funding for and coordination of health care
15 services that include comprehensive case management and
16 ancillary services to support treatment goals. In particular,
17 the program shall provide specialty health care services,
18 pharmaceutical drug assistance, and diagnostic testing for
19 individuals who are not eligible for medical assistance under
20 the Illinois Public Aid Code and who do not have other health
21 insurance coverage. The program shall emphasize providing

1 services in relation to the top health care issues as
2 identified by Kane County's "IPLAN" community health
3 assessment and planning process and the Top Ten Diseases as
4 determined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

5 Section 20. Lead agency; grant.

6 (a) The Department shall designate an entity to serve as
7 the lead agency in administering the pilot program. Any entity
8 located in Kane County that has established consortia of health
9 entities may apply for designation as the lead agency and for a
10 grant under this Section. The Department shall determine the
11 form and manner of application. The application must state the
12 name and address of the proposed lead agency.

13 (b) Any entity, or a group of individuals or entities or a
14 combination of both, located in a county with a population of
15 less than 100,000 that is contiguous to Kane County may join
16 with an entity described in subsection (a) in applying for a
17 grant under this Section to establish the pilot program to
18 serve a multi-county area that includes Kane County. The lead
19 agency for such a multi-county program must be located in Kane
20 County, however.

21 (c) The Department shall award a grant to the lead agency
22 designated under subsection (a) for the purpose of
23 administering the pilot program. The lead agency shall use the
24 grant moneys to administer and coordinate pilot program
25 activities within the county or counties of the program's

1 operation and shall develop community partnerships necessary
2 to implement the pilot program.

3 Section 25. Report. The Department, in cooperation with the
4 lead agency designated under Section 20, shall submit a report
5 on the operation of the pilot program to the General Assembly
6 after the pilot program has been in operation for 18 months.
7 The report shall include the Department's recommendations
8 concerning the continued operation of the Health Access Network
9 program and its expansion to other areas of the State.

10 Section 30. Implementation subject to appropriations.
11 Implementation of this Act is subject to appropriations made to
12 the Department for that purpose.

13 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
14 becoming law.