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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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AN ACT concerning health.

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

4 Section 5. The Community Services Act is amended by 5 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 Human the 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 13 dependent citizens residing in communities throughout the 14 state. The Department shall work in partnership with local government entities, direct service providers, voluntary 15 associations and communities to create a system that is 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 to participate in and contribute to community life; to insure

continuity of care for clients; to enable disabled persons to 1 2 access needed services, commensurate with their individual 3 wishes and needs, regardless of where they reside in the state; unnecessarv institutionalization and 4 to prevent the 5 dislocation of individuals from their home communities; to provide a range of services so that persons can receive these 6 7 services in settings which do not unnecessarily restrict their 8 liberty; and to encourage clients to move among settings as 9 their needs change.

10 The system shall include provision of services in the areas 11 of prevention, client assessment and diagnosis, case 12 coordination, crisis and emergency care, treatment and 13 habilitation and support services, and community residential 14 alternatives to institutional settings. The General Assembly 15 recognizes that community programs are an integral part of the 16 larger service system, which includes state-operated 17 facilities for persons who cannot receive appropriate services 18 in the community.

19 Towards achievement of these ends, the Department of Human 20 Services, working in coordination with other State agencies, 21 shall assume responsibilities pursuant to this Act, which 22 includes activities in the areas of planning, quality 23 assurance, program evaluation, community education, and the provision of financial and technical assistance to local 24 25 provider agencies.

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

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