

1 AN ACT concerning the Illinois Century Network.

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  
5 by changing Sections 10, 15, and 20 and by adding Section 25  
6 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 3921/10)

8 Sec. 10. Illinois Century Network. The Illinois Century  
9 Network shall be a service creating and maintaining high  
10 speed telecommunications networks ~~network~~ that provide  
11 ~~provides~~ reliable communication links to and among Illinois  
12 schools, institutions of higher education, libraries,  
13 museums, research institutions, State agencies, units of  
14 local government, and other local entities that provide  
15 services to Illinois citizens. The Illinois Century Network  
16 shall build on existing investments in networking schools,  
17 colleges, and universities, avoid duplication of future  
18 efforts, maintain sufficient capacity to meet the  
19 requirements of the participating institutions, and stay  
20 current with rapid developments in technology. The Illinois  
21 Century Network shall be capable of delivering  
22 state-of-the-art access to education, training, and  
23 electronic information and shall provide access to networking  
24 technologies for institutions located in even the most remote  
25 areas of this State.

26 (Source: P.A. 91-21, eff. 7-1-99.)

27 (20 ILCS 3921/15)

28 Sec. 15. Management of the Illinois Century Network.

29 (a) Staffing and contractual services necessary to  
30 support the network's activities shall be governed by the

1 Illinois Century Network Policy Committee. The committee  
2 shall include:

3 (1) 6 standing members as follows:

4 (i) the Illinois State Library Director or  
5 designee;

6 (ii) the Illinois State Museum Director or  
7 designee;

8 (iii) the Executive Director of the Board of  
9 Higher Education or designee;

10 (iv) the Community College Board President or  
11 designee;

12 (v) the State Board of Education State  
13 Superintendent or designee; and

14 (vi) the Director of Central Management  
15 Services or designee;

16 (2) up to 7 members who are appointed by the  
17 Governor and who:

18 (i) have experience and background in private  
19 K-12 education, private higher education, or who are  
20 from other participant constituents that are not  
21 already represented;

22 (ii) shall serve staggered terms up to 3 years  
23 as designated by the Governor; and

24 (iii) shall serve until a successor is  
25 appointed and qualified; and

26 (3) a Chairperson who is appointed by the Governor  
27 and who shall serve a term of 2 years and until a  
28 successor is appointed and qualified.

29 (b) Illinois Century Network Policy Committee members  
30 shall serve without compensation but shall be entitled to  
31 reimbursement for reasonable expenses of travel for members  
32 who are required to travel for a distance greater than 20  
33 miles to participate in business of the Illinois Century  
34 Network Policy Committee. provided-by--the--Board--of--Higher

1 Education,--the--Illinois--Community-College-Board,--the-State  
 2 Board-of--Education,--and--other--agencies--as--necessary--or  
 3 warranted,--using--funds--appropriated--to--these--agencies--for  
 4 this-purpose.

5 (Source: P.A. 91-21, eff. 7-1-99.)

6 (20 ILCS 3921/20)

7 Sec. 20. Illinois Century Network Policy Committee. The  
 8 Illinois Century Network Policy Committee shall set general  
 9 policies for the network. The Committee shall have the  
 10 following additional duties and powers:

11 (1) to purchase, acquire, or receive equipment and  
 12 agreements or contracts for services for the benefit of  
 13 the Illinois Century Network or its participants;

14 (2) to sell or convey equipment or services  
 15 desirable for Network operations to its participants at  
 16 reasonable costs incurred in the acquisition of the  
 17 equipment or services;

18 (3) to employ and fix the compensation for  
 19 employees as it deems reasonable to achieve the purposes  
 20 of this Act;

21 (4) to establish and maintain petty cash funds as  
 22 provided in Section 13.3 of the State Finance Act;

23 (5) to make, amend, and repeal bylaws, rules,  
 24 regulations, and resolutions that are consistent with  
 25 this Act;

26 (6) to make and execute all contracts and  
 27 instruments necessary or convenient to the exercise of  
 28 its powers;

29 (7) to exclusively control and manage the Network  
 30 and all moneys that are donated, paid, or appropriated  
 31 for the creation, improvement, and operation of the  
 32 Network;

33 (8) to prepare and submit a budget for the

1 necessary and contingent operation expenses of the  
2 Network;

3 (9) to accept grants and funds from the federal and  
4 state governments and any federal or state agency and to  
5 expend those moneys in accordance and in furtherance of  
6 the purposes of this Act;

7 (10) to enter into intergovernmental agreements  
8 with other governmental entities, including but not  
9 limited to, the Board of Higher Education, the Illinois  
10 Community College Board, the State Board of Education,  
11 the Department of Central Management Services, and local  
12 education agencies, in order to implement and execute the  
13 powers and duties set forth in this Act;

14 (11) to acquire or procure telecommunications or  
15 computer networks or related services, alone or in  
16 cooperation with other governmental or education  
17 entities, as may be of reasonable benefit to the Network  
18 or its participants for the general purposes set forth in  
19 this Act; and

20 (12) to receive assignment of ownership or  
21 management rights and the use of telecommunications  
22 equipment and services owned or leased by the State of  
23 Illinois or other entities providing services to Illinois  
24 citizens for use in operation of Network programs and  
25 services. consist-of-representatives-from-(i)-the-Office  
26 of-the-Governor, appointed-by-the-Governor, (ii)-the  
27 Board-of-Higher-Education, appointed-by-the-Board-of  
28 Higher-Education, (iii)-the-Illinois-Community-College  
29 Board, appointed-by-the-Illinois-Community-College-Board,  
30 (iv)-the-State-Board-of-Education, appointed-by-the-State  
31 Board-of-Education, and (v)-other-public-and-private  
32 partners-as-are-necessary, appointed-by-the-Governor.

33 (Source: P.A. 91-21, eff. 7-1-99.)

1 (20 ILCS 3921/25 new)

2 Sec. 25. Illinois Century Network Special Purposes Fund.

3 There is hereby created the Illinois Century Network Special  
4 Purposes Fund within the State treasury. Deposits into the  
5 Fund shall include but not be limited to any funds  
6 appropriated to State agencies for the operation of the  
7 Network, funds collected as reimbursements, fees for network  
8 partnerships, and federal funds. Deposits into the Fund  
9 shall include any gifts, grants, or donations received by the  
10 network from any public or private organization including  
11 State and federal agencies. Earnings attributable to moneys  
12 in the Illinois Century Network Special Purposes Fund shall  
13 be deposited into the Fund. Subject to appropriation, all  
14 moneys within the Fund shall be expended for the operation of  
15 the Illinois Century Network, including building and  
16 maintaining the Network and its supporting connections.

17 Section 10. The State Finance Act is amended by adding  
18 Section 5.570 as follows:

19 (30 ILCS 105/5.570 new)

20 Sec. 5.570. The Illinois Century Network Special  
21 Purposes Fund.

22 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
23 becoming law.