

1 AN ACT concerning transportation services.

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
5 Illinois Coordinating Committee on Transportation Act.

6 Section 2. Definitions. For purposes of this Act:

7 (1) "Agency" means an official, commission,
8 authority, council, department, committee, division,
9 bureau, board, or any other unit or entity of the State,
10 a municipality, a county, or other local governing body
11 or a private not-for-profit transportation service
12 providing agency.

13 (2) "Committee" means the Illinois Coordinating
14 Committee on Transportation.

15 (3) "Coordination" means the arrangement for the
16 provision of transportation services to the
17 transportation disadvantaged in a manner that is
18 cost-effective, efficient, and reduces fragmentation and
19 duplication of services.

20 (4) "Transportation disadvantaged" means those
21 persons who, because of physical or mental disability,
22 income status, age, location of residence, or other
23 reasons are unable to transport themselves or to purchase
24 affordable transportation and are, therefore, dependent
25 upon others to obtain access to health care, employment,
26 education, shopping, social activities, or other
27 life-sustaining activities.

28 Section 3. Committee. The Illinois Coordinating
29 Committee on Transportation is created and shall consist of
30 the following members:

1 (1) The Lieutenant Governor or her or his designee.

2 (2) The Secretary of Transportation or his or her
3 designee.

4 (3) The Secretary of Human Services (or his or her
5 designee) and one additional representative of the
6 Department of Human Services designated by the Secretary.

7 (4) The Director of Aging or his or her designee.

8 (5) The Director of Public Aid or his or her
9 designee.

10 (6) The Director of Commerce and Community Affairs
11 or his or her designee.

12 (7) A representative of the Illinois Rural Transit
13 Assistance Center.

14 (8) A person who is a member of a recognized
15 statewide organization representing older Illinoisans.

16 (9) A representative of centers for independent
17 living.

18 (10) A representative of the Illinois Public
19 Transportation Association.

20 (11) A representative of an existing transportation
21 system that coordinates and provides transit services in
22 a multi-county area for the Department of Transportation,
23 Department of Human Services, Department of Commerce and
24 Community Affairs, or Department on Aging.

25 (12) A representative of a statewide organization
26 of rehabilitation facilities or other providers of
27 services for persons with one or more disabilities.

28 (13) A representative of the Illinois Planning
29 Council on Developmental Disabilities.

30 (14) A representative of a statewide organization
31 of community action agencies.

32 The Lieutenant Governor shall appoint the members of the
33 Committee other than those named in paragraphs (1) through
34 (6) of this Section. The Lieutenant Governor or his or her

1 designee shall serve as chairperson of the Committee and
2 shall convene the meetings of the Committee. The Secretary of
3 Transportation and the Secretary of Human Services, or their
4 designees, shall serve as vice-chairpersons and shall be
5 responsible for staff support for the committee.

6 Section 4. Duties of committee. The Committee shall
7 foster the coordination of public and private transportation
8 services, especially those rural services directed toward
9 specific populations, in Illinois to ensure as little overlap
10 as possible and to achieve a system that provides for
11 services to the most citizens possible in the most
12 cost-effective, efficient manner possible. Specifically, the
13 committee shall:

14 (1) Coordinate State efforts with federal
15 guidelines to facilitate the coordination of human
16 service transportation programs.

17 (2) Establish statewide objectives for providing
18 essential transportation services to the transportation
19 disadvantaged.

20 (3) Develop goals and objectives to facilitate the
21 coordination of federal and State funding and programs at
22 the local level for the transportation disadvantaged to
23 avoid overlap and achieve as complete coverage as
24 possible.

25 (4) Analyze governmental, local agency,
26 institutional, and transportation barriers, such as
27 multi-agency involvement, to the coordination of
28 transportation services to the transportation
29 disadvantaged and aggressively pursue the elimination of
30 these barriers.

31 (5) Request the county board of each county to
32 designate a County Transportation Liaison to work with
33 the Committee in its efforts to accumulate information on

1 the local delivery of transportation to the disadvantaged
2 and to transmit the findings and recommendations of the
3 Committee to the local providers.

4 (6) Serve as a clearinghouse for information about
5 funding sources and innovations in serving the
6 transportation disadvantaged.

7 (7) Submit a report, not later than February 1,
8 2003, to the Governor and the General Assembly that
9 outlines the progress made by the Committee in performing
10 its duties set forth in paragraphs (1) through (6) of
11 this Section and makes recommendations for statutory and
12 regulatory changes to promote coordination.

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