



1 priorities and define a vision for improving access to  
2 transportation for the transportation disadvantaged.  
3 Illinois would also benefit from a unified State process to  
4 apply for federal transportation assistance for innovative  
5 transportation to work projects and strategies and for  
6 supplying the matching funds necessary to access that federal  
7 assistance. The purpose of this Act is to establish the  
8 Interagency Coordinating Committee on Transportation.

9 Section 10. Definitions. As used in this Act:

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

16 (2) "Committee" means the Illinois Coordinating  
17 Committee on Transportation.

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

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

31 Section 15. Committee. The Illinois Coordinating  
32 Committee on Transportation is created and shall consist of

1 the following members:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

15 (8) A person who is a member of a recognized  
16 statewide organization representing older residents of  
17 Illinois.

18 (9) A representative of centers for independent  
19 living.

20 (10) A representative of the Illinois Public  
21 Transportation Association.

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

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

30 (13) A representative of the Illinois Council on  
31 Developmental Disabilities.

32 (14) A representative of a community based  
33 organization.

34 (15) A representative of the Department of Public

1 Health.

2 (16) A representative of the Rural Partners.

3 The Governor shall appoint the members of the Committee  
4 other than those named in paragraphs (1) through (6) of this  
5 Section. The Governor or his or her designee shall serve as  
6 chairperson of the Committee and shall convene the meetings  
7 of the Committee. The Secretary of Transportation and a  
8 representative of a community based organization involved in  
9 transportation or their designees, shall serve as  
10 co-vice-chairpersons and shall be responsible for staff  
11 support for the committee.

12 Section 20. Duties of Committee. The Committee shall  
13 encourage the coordination of public and private  
14 transportation services, with priority given to services  
15 directed toward those populations who are currently not  
16 served or who are underserved by existing public transit.  
17 The Committee shall aim to reduce duplicative services in  
18 order to achieve a transportation system that serves the most  
19 citizens possible in the most cost-effective and efficient  
20 manner possible. The Committee shall seek innovative  
21 approaches to providing and funding local transportation  
22 services and offer their expertise to communities statewide.  
23 Specifically, the Committee shall:

24 (1) Coordinate State efforts within federal  
25 guidelines to facilitate coordination of human service  
26 transportation programs.

27 (2) Establish statewide priorities and draft a  
28 strategic plan. These priorities should include:  
29 developing objectives for providing essential  
30 transportation services to the transportation  
31 disadvantaged; developing a process for requesting  
32 federal funds such as the Job Access and Reverse Commute  
33 (JARC) Grant program that is based on input from

1 communities statewide; assisting communities in  
2 identifying funds from other available sources for  
3 projects that are not an eligible use of JARC funds; and  
4 developing a long-range plan to identify and recruit  
5 potential stakeholders in future community transportation  
6 initiatives.

7 (3) Develop goals and objectives to reduce  
8 duplication of services and achieve coverage that is as  
9 complete as possible.

10 (4) Address any and all transportation barriers  
11 and propose solutions to eliminate these barriers.

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

15 (6) Submit a report, not later than February 1,  
16 2004, to the Governor and the General Assembly that  
17 outlines the progress made by the Committee in performing  
18 its duties set forth in paragraphs (1) through (6) of  
19 this Section and makes recommendations for statutory and  
20 regulatory changes to promote coordination.

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