

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 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 3921/10)

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

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

26 (20 ILCS 3921/15)

27 Sec. 15. Management of the Illinois Century Network.  
28 (a) Staffing and contractual services necessary to  
29 support the network's activities shall be governed by the  
30 Illinois Century Network Policy Committee. The committee

1 shall include:

2 (1) 6 standing members as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

5 (20 ILCS 3921/20)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

32 (8) to prepare and submit a budget for the  
33 necessary and contingent operation expenses of the

1 Network;

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

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

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

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

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

33 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon

1 becoming law.