



SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA BILL SUMMARY

House Bill 211 Printer's No. 1269

Prime Sponsor: Bloom
Committee: Health and Human Services

SYNOPSIS:

Establishes the Statewide 2-1-1 System Grant Program Act within the Department of Human Services (the "Department").

SUMMARY:

Establishes the Statewide 2-1-1 System Grant Program Act to provide a grant to qualified applicants for the development, implementation, operation and support of a Statewide 2-1-1 system.

Requires the Department to develop and implement a process to award grants to qualified applicants to be used for the following purposes:

1. To provide Statewide 2-1-1 system services 24 hours each day, including to regions of the Commonwealth that do not have access to a provider of 2-1-1- system services.
2. To expand access to 2-1-1 system services and the database to a 2-1-1 through text-to-chat, mobile application and the Internet.
3. To permit the disbursement of funds, with the approval of the Department, to regional providers of 2-1-1- system services for satisfying 2-1-1 quality assurance standards used by similar programs in other states.
4. For any other purpose deemed appropriate by the Department for carrying out the provisions of the act.

Effective Date: 60 days

BILL HISTORY:

In the House:

Final passage, June 5, 2017 (193-2)

In the Senate

Referred to HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, June 9, 2017

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