



## SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA BILL SUMMARY

### Senate Bill 211 Printer's No. 570

Prime Sponsor: Browne  
Committee: Health and Human Services

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#### **SYNOPSIS:**

Establishes the Statewide 2-1-1 System Grant Program Act within the Department of Health, in consolidation with the Department of Human Services.

#### **SUMMARY:**

SB 211 establishes a Statewide 2-1-1 System Grant Program to provide a grant to qualified applicants for the development, implementation, operation and support of a Statewide 2-1-1 system.

The Department, in consultation with the Department of Human Services, shall 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 Senate

Referred to HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, March 24, 2017

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