

SENATE BILL No. 260

April 11, 1991, Introduced by Senators VAN REGENMORTER, GAST, DUNASKISS, EHLERS, HART, MC MANUS, WARTNER and HONIGMAN and referred to the Committee on State Affairs and Military/Veteran Affairs.

A bill to create a central resource registry; to promote and provide for the collection and dissemination of information on services to handicappers, persons with physical and mental disabilities, and persons disabled by substance abuse; and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain departments, commissions, agencies, and organizations.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as "the
2 central resource registry act".

3 Sec. 2. As used in this act:

4 (a) "Agency" means a state department, bureau, division,
5 section, board, commission, trustee, authority, institution of
6 higher education, or office created by the constitution, statute,
7 or agency action.

1 (b) "Central resource registry" means the computerized
2 system or other organized mode of keeping a record of all reports
3 filed pursuant to this act.

4 (c) "Commission" means the commission on handicapper con-
5 cerns created by Act No. 11 of the Public Acts of 1968, being
6 sections 395.301 to 395.307 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

7 (d) "Computer network" means the interconnection of communi-
8 cation lines with a computer through remote terminals or a com-
9 plex consisting of 2 or more interconnected computers.

10 (e) "Handicap" means either of the following:

11 (i) A determinable physical or mental characteristic of an
12 individual that may result from disease, injury, congenital con-
13 dition of birth, or functional disorder if the characteristic
14 limits 1 or more of the major life activities of that
15 individual.

16 (ii) A determinable physical or mental characteristic of an
17 individual that may result from current use of a controlled sub-
18 stance or alcoholic liquor by that individual.

19 (f) "Handicapper" means an individual who has a handicap.

20 (g) "Library" means the library of Michigan created by
21 section 3 of the library of Michigan act, Act No. 540 of the
22 Public Acts of 1982, being section 397.13 of the Michigan
23 Compiled Laws.

24 (h) "Office" means the office of substance abuse services
25 created within the department of public health by section 6201 of
26 the public health code, Act No. 368 of the Public Acts of 1978,
27 being section 333.6201 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

1 (i) "Service provider" means a person, organization, local
2 or state governmental unit, or other entity that receives state
3 funds for the purpose of providing services, equipment, supplies,
4 or other assistance to a handicapper or the family of a
5 handicapper.

6 Sec. 3. (1) The commission and the office shall develop and
7 distribute a form to all agencies, and all agencies shall com-
8 plete that form by providing at least all of the following infor-
9 mation on available services provided with state funds by a serv-
10 ice provider to assist handicappers or the families of
11 handicappers:

12 (a) The name of the agency that provides the state funds.

13 (b) The name, address, phone number, and contact person for
14 the service provider receiving the state funds.

15 (c) A brief description of the services provided by the
16 service provider.

17 (d) Any eligibility criteria a handicapper or the family of
18 a handicapper must meet before receiving the assistance of that
19 service provider.

20 (2) The commission and the office shall assure that the
21 information is complete, suitable for inclusion in the central
22 resource registry, and in a form and format easily understood by
23 the general public.

24 (3) The commission and the office shall distribute forms to
25 update existing data and solicit new information on a continuing
26 basis and complete an update of the entire central resource
27 registry at least annually.

1 (4) The commission and the office shall each first
2 distribute to all agencies the forms described in subsection (1)
3 not more than 180 days after the effective date of this act.

4 Sec. 4. An agency shall complete the form developed pursu-
5 ant to section 3 and submit that form to the library for each
6 grant of state funds to a service provider that provides serv-
7 ices, equipment, supplies, or other assistance to a handicapper
8 or the family of a handicapper.

9 Sec. 5. An organization that does not receive state funds
10 but provides services to a handicapper or the family of a handi-
11 capper may be included in the central resource registry by
12 requesting a form from the commission or office and submitting
13 that completed form to the library.

14 Sec. 6. (1) The library shall do all of the following:

15 (a) Create and maintain a central resource registry of the
16 information from all forms submitted pursuant to this act.

17 (b) Train library staff to enter and maintain the central
18 resource registry data from the forms submitted pursuant to this
19 act.

20 (c) Disseminate the information contained in the central
21 resource registry in a manner consistent with this act.

22 (d) Assist persons in obtaining access to central resource
23 registry information.

24 (e) Add new information to the central resource registry
25 within 30 days of receiving that information.

26 (f) Update the entire central resource registry at least
27 annually.

1 (g) Make the central resource registry accessible to an
2 individual who calls or visits the library.

3 (h) Establish a computer network for the central resource
4 registry and make the computer network available to all of the
5 following entities:

6 (i) A public library as defined in section 2 of the state
7 aid to public libraries act, Act No. 89 of the Public Acts of
8 1977, being section 397.552 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

9 (ii) A library of a college or university described in sec-
10 tion 5 or 6 of article VIII of the state constitution of 1963.

11 (iii) A regional or subregional library designated by the
12 national library service and the library of Michigan to provide
13 services for the blind and physically handicapped.

14 (2) The library may establish computer network guidelines
15 and procedures for those organizations providing services to
16 handicappers and the families of handicappers and not receiving
17 state funds for those services.

18 Sec. 7. The information in the central resource registry
19 system or a writing prepared, owned, used, in the possession of,
20 or retained by the library pursuant to this act shall be made
21 available to the public in compliance with the freedom of infor-
22 mation act, Act No. 442 of the Public Acts of 1976, being sec-
23 tions 15.231 to 15.246 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

24 Sec. 8. The commission, the office, and the library shall
25 each file a report annually with the legislature on the implemen-
26 tation of this act.