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Introduced by Senators Van Regenmorter, Shugars, Steil, Rogers, McManus, Gougeon, Bennett, North and Schuette

# **ENROLLED SENATE BILL No. 144**

AN ACT to create a central disability resource directory; to promote and provide for the collection and dissemination of information on services to persons with disabilities; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain departments, commissions, agencies, and organizations; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

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

Sec. 2. As used in this act:

(a) "Agency" means an organization designated by the governor to implement a program described in section 931 of the mental health code, Act No. 258 of the Public Acts of 1974, being section 330.1931 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, or a state department, bureau, division, section, board, commission, trustee, authority, institution of higher education, or office created by the constitution, statute, or agency action.

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

(c) "Commission" means the commission on disability concerns established by Act No. 11 of the Public Acts of 1968, being sections 395.301 to 395.307 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

(d) "Computer network" means the interconnection of communication lines with a computer through remote terminals or a complex consisting of 2 or more interconnected computers.

(e) "Disability" means a determinable physical or mental characteristic of an individual that may result from disease, injury, congenital condition of birth, or functional disorder if the characteristic limits 1 or more of the major life activities of that individual.

(f) "Library" means, except as provided in section 7(1)(h), the library of Michigan created by section 3 of the library of Michigan act, Act No. 540 of the Public Acts of 1982, being section 397.13 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

(g) "Service provider" means a person, organization, local or state governmental unit, or other entity that receives state or federal money for the purpose of providing services, equipment, supplies, or other assistance to a person with a disability or the family of a person with a disability.

Sec. 3. (1) The commission in consultation with the library shall develop and distribute a form to all agencies, and all agencies shall complete that form by providing at least the following information on available services provided with state or federal money by a service provider to assist persons with disabilities or the families of persons with disabilities:

- (a) The name of the agency that provides the state or federal money.
  - (b) The name, address, phone number, and contact person for the service provider receiving the state or federal money.
  - (c) A brief description of the services provided by the service provider.
  - (d) Eligibility criteria a person with a disability or the family of a person with a disability must meet before receiving the assistance of that service provider.
- (2) The commission shall assure that the information is complete, suitable for inclusion in the central disability resource directory, and in a form and format easily understood by the general public.
- (3) The commission shall distribute forms to update existing data and solicit new information on a continuing basis and complete an update of the entire central disability resource directory at least annually.
- (4) The commission shall first distribute to all agencies the forms described in subsection (1) not more than 180 days after the effective date of this act.

Sec. 4. An agency shall complete the form developed pursuant to section 3 and submit that form to the commission for each grant of state or federal money made through that agency to a service provider that provides services, equipment, supplies, or other assistance to a person with a disability or the family of a person with a disability.

Sec. 5. An organization that does not receive state or federal money but provides services to a person with a disability or the family of a person with a disability may be included in the central disability resource directory by requesting a form from the commission and submitting that completed form to the commission.

Sec. 6. The commission shall forward to the library forms completed pursuant to section 4.

Sec. 7. (1) The library shall do all of the following:

- (a) Create a central resource directory of the information from forms forwarded under section 6, and employ a taxonomy in the maintenance of that central resource directory that is consistent with the taxonomy employed by federal agencies that maintain data for public use.
- (b) Train library staff to enter and maintain the central resource directory data from the forms forwarded under section 6.
- (c) Disseminate the information contained in the central resource directory in a manner consistent with this act.
- (d) Assist persons in obtaining access to central resource directory information.
- (e) Add new information to the central resource directory within 30 days of receiving that information.
- (f) Update the entire central resource directory at least annually.
- (g) Make the central resource directory accessible to an individual who calls or visits the library.
- (h) Establish a computer network for the central resource directory and make the computer network available to any of the following entities that comply with Act No. 1 of the Public Acts of 1966, being sections 125.1351 to 125.1356 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, and comply with applicable state and federal laws affecting persons with disabilities, and accommodate persons with disabilities:
  - (i) A public library as defined in section 2 of the state aid to public libraries act, Act No. 89 of the Public Acts of 1977, being section 397.552 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.
  - (ii) A library of a college or university described in section 5 or 6 of article VIII of the state constitution of 1963.
  - (iii) A regional or subregional library designated by the national library service and the library of Michigan to provide services for the blind and persons with disabilities.
  - (iv) Agencies.

(2) The library may establish computer network guidelines and procedures for those organizations providing services to persons with disabilities and the families of persons with disabilities and not receiving state or federal money for those services.

Sec. 8. The information in the directory system or a writing prepared, owned, used, in the possession of, or retained by the library pursuant to this act shall be made available to the public in compliance with the freedom of information act, Act No. 442 of the Public Acts of 1976, being sections 15.231 to 15.246 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

Sec. 9. The commission and the library shall each file a report annually with the legislature that identifies the manner in which this act is implemented by the reporting entity and specifies the frequency with which persons use the central disability resource directory through the reporting entity.

Sec. 10. The duties imposed upon the commission and library under this act shall be suspended in any fiscal year in which the legislature does not appropriate funds necessary to implement this act.

Sec. 11. This act is repealed effective 3 years after the effective date of this act.

This act did not receive immediate effect and will take effect 90 days after final adjournment of the Legislature.

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Secretary of the Senate.

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Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Approved -----

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Governor.