



SENATE BILL No. 144

January 17, 1995, Introduced by Senator VAN
REGENMORTER and referred to the Committee on
Local, Urban and State Affairs.

A bill to create a central resource registry; to promote and provide for the collection and dissemination of information on services to persons with disabilities; 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 an organization designated by the gover-
5 nor to implement a program described in section 931 of the mental
6 health code, Act No. 258 of the Public Acts of 1974, being
7 section 330.1931 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, or a state
8 department, bureau, division, section, board, commission,

1 trustee, authority, institution of higher education, or office
2 created by the constitution, statute, or agency action.

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

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

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

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

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

21 (g) "Service provider" means a person, organization, local
22 or state governmental unit, or other entity that receives state
23 or federal money for the purpose of providing services, equip-
24 ment, supplies, or other assistance to a person with a disability
25 or the family of a person with a disability.

26 Sec. 3. (1) The commission shall develop and distribute a
27 form to all agencies, and all agencies shall complete that form

1 by providing at least the following information on available
2 services provided with state or federal money by a service pro-
3 vider to assist persons with disabilities or the families of per-
4 sons with disabilities:

5 (a) The name of the agency that provides the state or fed-
6 eral money.

7 (b) The name, address, phone number, and contact person for
8 the service provider receiving the state or federal money.

9 (c) A brief description of the services provided by the
10 service provider.

11 (d) Eligibility criteria a person with a disability or the
12 family of a person with a disability must meet before receiving
13 the assistance of that service provider.

14 (2) The commission shall assure that the information is com-
15 plete, suitable for inclusion in the central resource registry,
16 and in a form and format easily understood by the general
17 public.

18 (3) The commission shall distribute forms to update existing
19 data and solicit new information on a continuing basis and com-
20 plete an update of the entire central resource registry at least
21 annually.

22 (4) The commission shall first distribute to all agencies
23 the forms described in subsection (1) not more than 180 days
24 after the effective date of this act.

25 Sec. 4. An agency shall complete the form developed pursu-
26 ant to section 3 and submit that form to the commission for each
27 grant of state or federal money made through that agency to a

1 service provider that provides services, equipment, supplies, or
2 other assistance to a person with a disability or the family of a
3 person with a disability.

4 Sec. 5. An organization that does not receive state or fed-
5 eral money but provides services to a person with a disability or
6 the family of a person with a disability may be included in the
7 central resource registry by requesting a form from the commis-
8 sion and submitting that completed form to the commission.

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

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

12 (a) Create a central resource registry of the information
13 from forms forwarded under section 6, and employ a taxonomy in
14 the maintenance of that central resource registry that is consis-
15 tent with the taxonomy employed by federal agencies that maintain
16 data for public use.

17 (b) Train library staff to enter and maintain the central
18 resource registry data from the forms forwarded under section 6.

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

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

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

25 (f) Update the entire central resource registry at least
26 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 any of the
5 following entities that comply with Act No. 1 of the Public Acts
6 of 1966, being sections 125.1351 to 125.1356 of the Michigan
7 Compiled Laws, and comply with applicable state and federal laws
8 affecting persons with disabilities, and accommodate persons with
9 disabilities:

10 (i) A public library as defined in section 2 of the state
11 aid to public libraries act, Act No. 89 of the Public Acts of
12 1977, being section 397.552 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

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

15 (iii) A regional or subregional library designated by the
16 national library service and the library of Michigan to provide
17 services for the blind and persons with disabilities.

18 (iv) Agencies.

19 (2) The library may establish computer network guidelines
20 and procedures for those organizations providing services to per-
21 sons with disabilities and the families of persons with disabili-
22 ties and not receiving state or federal money for those
23 services.

24 Sec. 8. The information in the central resource registry
25 system or a writing prepared, owned, used, in the possession of,
26 or retained by the library pursuant to this act shall be made
27 available to the public in compliance with the freedom of

1 information act, Act No. 442 of the Public Acts of 1976, being
2 sections 15.231 to 15.246 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

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