

1 Legislature further finds that 311 systems improve public
2 access to government by providing seamless access to various
3 governmental entities, enhancing coordination among state and
4 various local jurisdictions, and improving service delivery.

5 (2) As used in this section, the term "coordinated 311
6 nonemergency and other governmental services telephone system"
7 means a 311 system that is multijurisdictional and designed to
8 provide seamless access to nonemergency and other governmental
9 services.

10 (3) The Department of Community Affairs may accept and
11 administer funds that are appropriated to it to award grants
12 to counties and municipalities to operate a coordinated 311
13 nonemergency and other governmental services telephone system.

14 (4) A county or municipality may apply to the
15 department for a grant of state funds to implement and operate
16 a coordinated 311 nonemergency and other governmental services
17 telephone system.

18 (5) A grant awarded under this section must be matched
19 by a contribution from the county or municipality in an amount
20 equal to \$1 for each \$1 awarded under this section.

21 (6) The department shall review each grant application
22 that is submitted under subsection (4) and shall annually
23 submit to the secretary a list of all applications received.
24 Included with the list of applicants shall be a list of the
25 systems that staff of the department recommend for approval,
26 arranged in order of priority. The department shall allocate
27 grants only to applicants that are approved by the secretary
28 and for which funds are appropriated by the Legislature.

29 (7) The annual amount of any one grant made under this
30 section may not exceed the lesser of \$2.5 million or 50
31 percent of the total annual cost of operating the coordinated

1 311 nonemergency and other governmental services telephone
2 system. The total amount of the grants awarded to a
3 coordinated 311 nonemergency and other governmental services
4 telephone system in a 5-year period may not exceed \$10
5 million.

6 (8) Each 311 system receiving funds under this section
7 shall submit a report to the Governor, the President of the
8 Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by
9 December 15, 2007, detailing how the 311 system spent the
10 funds appropriated to it under this section.

11 (9) The Department of Community Affairs may adopt
12 rules for administering this section, including rules for the
13 criteria to be applied in order to evaluate applications for
14 grants.

15 Section 2. The sum of \$10 million is appropriated from
16 the General Revenue Fund to the Department of Community
17 Affairs for the 2006-2007 fiscal year for the purpose of
18 funding grants for the coordinated 311 nonemergency and other
19 governmental services telephone system.

20 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.

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23 SENATE SUMMARY

24 Authorizes the Department of Community Affairs to accept
25 and administer funds to provide grants for coordinated
26 311 nonemergency and other governmental services systems.
27 Provides that counties and municipalities may apply for
28 implementation and operation grants. Requires a county or
29 municipality to provide matching funds. Requires the
30 department to award grants in order of priority. Provides
31 for certain limitations on grant funds received.
Authorizes the department to adopt rules. Provides an
appropriation.