Florida Senate - 2007

By Senator Diaz de la Portilla

36-881-07

1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to governmental services
3	telephone systems; creating s. 365.180, F.S.;
4	providing legislative findings; defining the
5	term "coordinated 311 nonemergency and other
6	governmental services telephone system";
7	authorizing the Department of Community Affairs
8	to accept and administer funds to provide
9	grants for certain governmental services
10	telephone systems; authorizing counties and
11	municipalities to apply for grants; requiring a
12	county or municipality to provide matching
13	funds; providing procedures for approval of
14	grant awards; requiring approval by the
15	Secretary of Community Affairs or appropriation
16	by the Legislature; providing for certain
17	limitations on grant funds amounts; requiring a
18	report to the Governor and the Legislature
19	detailing expenditures; authorizing the
20	department to adopt rules; providing
21	application evaluation criteria; providing an
22	appropriation; providing an effective date.
23	
24	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
25	
26	Section 1. Section 365.180, Florida Statutes, is
27	created to read:
28	365.180 Coordinated 311 nonemergency and other
29	governmental services telephone system grant program; grants
30	for operation; funding; approval; allocation
31	

SB 952

CODING: Words stricken are deletions; words <u>underlined</u> are additions.

1	(1) The Legislature finds that a 311 telephone system
2	for nonemergency and other governmental services may reduce
3	the volume of nonemergency calls to 911 public safety
4	answering points, particularly in times of a disaster. The
5	Legislature further finds that 311 systems improve public
6	access to government by providing seamless access to various
7	governmental entities, enhancing coordination among state and
8	various local jurisdictions, and improving service delivery.
9	(2) As used in this section, the term "coordinated 311
10	nonemergency and other governmental services telephone system"
11	means a 311 system that is multijurisdictional in nature such
12	that it is designed to provide seamless access to nonemergency
13	and other governmental services.
14	(3) The Department of Community Affairs may accept and
15	administer funds that are appropriated to it for providing
16	grants to counties and municipalities for operating a
17	coordinated 311 nonemergency and other governmental services
18	telephone system.
19	(4) A county or municipality may apply for a grant of
20	state funds to support the implementation and operation of a
21	coordinated 311 nonemergency and other governmental services
22	telephone system.
23	(5) A state grant awarded under this section must be
24	matched by a contribution from the county or municipality in
25	an amount equal to \$1 for each \$1 awarded under this section.
26	(6) The Department of Community Affairs shall review
27	each application submitted under subsection (4) for a grant to
28	implement a coordinated 311 nonemergency and other
29	governmental services telephone system and, annually, shall
30	submit a list of all applications received and a list of the
31	systems that are recommended for the award of grants, arranged

CODING: Words stricken are deletions; words <u>underlined</u> are additions.

1 in order of priority, to the Secretary of Community Affairs 2 for the secretary's approval. The Department of Community Affairs may allocate grants only for coordinated 311 3 4 nonemergency and other governmental services telephone systems 5 that are approved by the secretary or for which funds are 6 appropriated by the Legislature. 7 (7) The annual amount of any one grant made under this 8 section may not exceed the lesser of \$2.5 million or 50 9 percent of the total annual cost of operating the coordinated 10 311 nonemergency and other governmental services telephone system. The total amount of the grants awarded to a 11 12 coordinated 311 nonemergency and other governmental services telephone system in a 5-year period may not exceed \$10 13 million. 14 (8) Each 311 system receiving state matching funds 15 shall submit a report to the Governor, the President of the 16 17 Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by December 15, 2008, detailing how the funds appropriated for 18 the 311 system were spent. 19 (9) The Department of Community Affairs may adopt 20 21 rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 prescribing the criteria to be applied to applications for grants and rules 2.2 23 providing for the administration of this section. The 2.4 application evaluation criteria shall, at a minimum, include the following: 25 (a) The population of the applicant county or 26 27 municipality. 28 (b) Prior establishment of a 311 number by the applicant county or municipality. 29 30 31

CODING: Words stricken are deletions; words <u>underlined</u> are additions.

Florida Senate - 2007 36-881-07

1 (c) The interoperability between the proposed 311 2 system and the existing 911 public safety answering points 3 within the applicant county or municipality. 4 (d) The commitment of funds by the applicant county or municipality beyond the minimum match contribution. 5 б (e) The long-range plan for sustainability of the 7 proposed 311 system submitted by the applicant county or 8 municipality. 9 The sum of \$10 million is appropriated from Section 2. 10 the General Revenue Fund to the Department of Community Affairs for the purpose of funding the coordinated 311 11 12 nonemergency and other governmental services telephone system 13 grant program created by this act for the 2007-2008 fiscal 14 year. Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007. 15 16 17 18 SENATE SUMMARY Authorizes the Department of Community Affairs to accept 19 and administer funds to provide grants for certain 20 governmental services telephone systems. Permits counties and municipalities to apply for grants. Requires a county or municipality to provide matching funds. Provides 21 procedures for approval of grant awards. Requires approval by the Secretary of Community Affairs or an appropriation by the Legislature. Provides for certain 22 23 limitations on grant funds amounts. Requires each grantee to submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature by a specified date. Provides criteria by which to evaluate 2.4 applications. 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

CODING: Words stricken are deletions; words underlined are additions.