

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Energy Transition Act is amended by
5 changing Section 5-40 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 730/5-40)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on September 15, 2045)

8 Sec. 5-40. Illinois Climate Works Preapprenticeship
9 Program.

10 (a) Subject to appropriation, the Department shall
11 develop, and through Regional Administrators administer, the
12 Illinois Climate Works Preapprenticeship Program. The goal of
13 the Illinois Climate Works Preapprenticeship Program is to
14 create a network of hubs throughout the State that will
15 recruit, prescreen, and provide preapprenticeship skills
16 training, for which participants may attend free of charge and
17 receive a stipend, to create a qualified, diverse pipeline of
18 workers who are prepared for careers in the construction and
19 building trades and clean energy jobs opportunities therein.
20 Upon completion of the Illinois Climate Works
21 Preapprenticeship Program, the candidates will be connected to
22 and prepared to successfully complete an apprenticeship
23 program.

1 (b) Each Climate Works Hub that receives funding from the
2 Energy Transition Assistance Fund shall provide an annual
3 report to the Illinois Works Review Panel by April 1 of each
4 calendar year. The annual report shall include the following
5 information:

6 (1) a description of the Climate Works Hub's
7 recruitment, screening, and training efforts, including a
8 description of training related to construction and
9 building trades opportunities in clean energy jobs;

10 (2) the number of individuals who apply to,
11 participate in, and complete the Climate Works Hub's
12 program, broken down by race, gender, age, and veteran
13 status;

14 (3) the number of the individuals referenced in
15 paragraph (2) of this subsection who are initially
16 accepted and placed into apprenticeship programs in the
17 construction and building trades; and

18 (4) the number of individuals referenced in paragraph
19 (2) of this subsection who remain in apprenticeship
20 programs in the construction and building trades or have
21 become journeymen one calendar year after their placement,
22 as referenced in paragraph (3) of this subsection.

23 (c) Subject to appropriation, the Department shall provide
24 funding to 3 Climate Works Hubs throughout the State,
25 including one to the Illinois Department of Transportation
26 Region 1, one to the Illinois Department of Transportation

1 Regions 2 and 3, and one to the Illinois Department of
2 Transportation Regions 4 and 5. An eligible organization may
3 serve as the designated Climate Works Hub for all 5 regions.
4 Climate Works Hubs shall be awarded grants in multi-year
5 increments not to exceed 36 months. Each grant shall come with
6 a one year initial term, with the Department renewing each
7 year for 2 additional years unless the grantee either declines
8 to continue or fails to meet reasonable performance measures
9 that consider apprenticeship programs timeframes. The
10 Department may take into account experience and performance as
11 a previous grantee of the Climate Works Hub as part of the
12 selection criteria for subsequent years.

13 (d) Each Climate Works Hub that receives funding from the
14 Energy Transition Assistance Fund shall recruit, prescreen,
15 and provide preapprenticeship training to program
16 participants. Each Climate Works Hub that receives funding
17 from the Energy Transition Assistance Fund shall:

18 (1) in each Hub Site where the applicant pool allows:

19 (A) dedicate at least one-third of Program
20 placements to applicants who reside in a geographic
21 area that is impacted by economic and environmental
22 challenges, defined as an area that is both (i) an R3
23 Area, as defined pursuant to Section 10-40 of the
24 Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act, and (ii) an
25 environmental justice community, as defined by the
26 Illinois Power Agency under the Illinois Power Agency

1 Act, excluding any racial or ethnic indicators used by
2 the Agency unless and until the constitutional basis
3 for the inclusion of the factors in determining
4 Program admissions is established; among applicants
5 that satisfy these criteria, preference shall be given
6 to applicants who face barriers to employment,
7 including low educational attainment, prior
8 involvement with the criminal justice system, and
9 language barriers, and applicants that are graduates
10 of or currently enrolled in the foster care system;
11 and

12 (B) dedicate at least two-thirds of Program
13 placements to applicants who reside in a geographic
14 area that is impacted by economic or environmental
15 challenges, defined as an area that is either (i) an R3
16 Area, as defined pursuant to Section 10-40 of the
17 Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act, or (ii) an
18 environmental justice community, as defined by the
19 Illinois Power Agency in the Illinois Power Agency
20 Act, excluding any racial or ethnic indicators used by
21 the Agency unless and until the constitutional basis
22 for the inclusion of the factors in determining
23 Program admissions is established; among applicants
24 that satisfy these criteria, preference shall be given
25 to applicants who face barriers to employment,
26 including low educational attainment, prior

1 involvement with the criminal legal system, and
2 language barriers, and applicants that are graduates
3 of or currently enrolled in the foster care system;
4 and

5 (C) prioritize the remaining Program placements
6 for the following:

7 (i) applicants who are displaced energy
8 workers, as defined in the Energy Community
9 Reinvestment Act;

10 (ii) persons who face barriers to employment,
11 including low educational attainment, prior
12 involvement with the criminal justice system, and
13 language barriers; and

14 (iii) applicants who are graduates of or
15 currently enrolled in the foster care system,
16 regardless of the applicant's area of residence;

17 ~~Each Climate Works Hub that receives funding from~~
18 ~~the Energy Transition Assistance Fund shall:~~

19 ~~(1) recruit, prescreen, and provide preapprenticeship~~
20 ~~training to equity investment eligible persons;~~

21 (2) provide training information related to
22 opportunities and certifications relevant to clean energy
23 jobs in the construction and building trades; and

24 (3) provide preapprentices with stipends they receive
25 that may vary depending on the occupation the individual
26 is training for.

1 (d-5) Priority shall be given to Climate Works Hubs that
2 have an agreement with North American Building Trades Unions
3 (NABTU) to utilize the Multi-Craft Core Curriculum or
4 successor curriculums.

5 (e) Funding for the Program is subject to appropriation
6 from the Energy Transition Assistance Fund.

7 (f) The Department shall adopt any rules deemed necessary
8 to implement this Section.

9 (Source: P.A. 102-662, eff. 9-15-21; 102-1031, eff. 5-27-22;
10 102-1123, eff. 1-27-23.)

11 Section 10. The Illinois Works Jobs Program Act is amended
12 by changing Section 20-15 as follows:

13 (30 ILCS 559/20-15)

14 Sec. 20-15. Illinois Works Preapprenticeship Program;
15 Illinois Works Bid Credit Program.

16 (a) The Illinois Works Preapprenticeship Program is
17 established and shall be administered by the Department. The
18 goal of the Illinois Works Preapprenticeship Program is to
19 create a network of community-based organizations throughout
20 the State that will recruit, prescreen, and provide
21 preapprenticeship skills training, for which participants may
22 attend free of charge and receive a stipend, to create a
23 qualified, diverse pipeline of workers who are prepared for
24 careers in the construction and building trades. Upon

1 completion of the Illinois Works Preapprenticeship Program,
2 the candidates will be skilled and work-ready.

3 (b) There is created the Illinois Works Fund, a special
4 fund in the State treasury. The Illinois Works Fund shall be
5 administered by the Department. The Illinois Works Fund shall
6 be used to provide funding for community-based organizations
7 throughout the State. In addition to any other transfers that
8 may be provided for by law, on and after July 1, 2019 at the
9 direction of the Director of the Governor's Office of
10 Management and Budget, the State Comptroller shall direct and
11 the State Treasurer shall transfer amounts not exceeding a
12 total of \$50,000,000 from the Rebuild Illinois Projects Fund
13 to the Illinois Works Fund.

14 (b-5) In addition to any other transfers that may be
15 provided for by law, beginning July 1, 2024 and each July 1
16 thereafter, or as soon thereafter as practical, the State
17 Comptroller shall direct and the State Treasurer shall
18 transfer \$20,000,000 from the Capital Projects Fund to the
19 Illinois Works Fund.

20 (c) Each community-based organization that receives
21 funding from the Illinois Works Fund shall provide an annual
22 report to the Illinois Works Review Panel by April 1 of each
23 calendar year. The annual report shall include the following
24 information:

25 (1) a description of the community-based
26 organization's recruitment, screening, and training

1 efforts;

2 (2) the number of individuals who apply to,
3 participate in, and complete the community-based
4 organization's program, broken down by race, gender, age,
5 and veteran status; and

6 (3) the number of the individuals referenced in item (2)
7 of this subsection who are initially accepted and placed
8 into apprenticeship programs in the construction and
9 building trades.

10 (d) The Department shall create and administer the
11 Illinois Works Bid Credit Program that shall provide economic
12 incentives, through bid credits, to encourage contractors and
13 subcontractors to provide contracting and employment
14 opportunities to historically underrepresented populations in
15 the construction industry.

16 The Illinois Works Bid Credit Program shall allow
17 contractors and subcontractors to earn bid credits for use
18 toward future bids for public works projects contracted by the
19 State or an agency of the State in order to increase the
20 chances that the contractor and the subcontractors will be
21 selected.

22 Contractors or subcontractors may be eligible to earn bid
23 credits for employing apprentices who have completed the
24 Illinois Works Preapprenticeship Program, the Climate Works
25 Preapprenticeship Program, or the Highway Construction Careers
26 Training Program. Contractors or subcontractors shall earn bid

1 credits at a rate established by the Department and based on
2 labor hours worked by apprentices who have completed the
3 Illinois Works Preapprenticeship Program, the Climate Works
4 Preapprenticeship Program, or the Highway Construction Careers
5 Training Program. In order to earn bid credits, contractors
6 and subcontractors shall provide the Department with certified
7 payroll documenting the hours performed by apprentices who
8 have completed the Illinois Works Preapprenticeship Program, the Climate Works Preapprenticeship Program, or the Highway
9 Construction Careers Training Program. Contractors and
10 subcontractors can use bid credits toward future bids for
11 public works projects contracted or funded by the State or an
12 agency of the State in order to increase the likelihood of
13 being selected as the contractor for the public works project
14 toward which they have applied the bid credit. The Department
15 shall establish the rate by rule and shall publish it on the
16 Department's website. The rule may include maximum bid credits
17 allowed per contractor, per subcontractor, per apprentice, per
18 bid, or per year.

20 The Illinois Works Credit Bank is hereby created and shall
21 be administered by the Department. The Illinois Works Credit
22 Bank shall track the bid credits.

23 A contractor or subcontractor who has been awarded bid
24 credits under any other State program for employing
25 apprentices who have completed the Illinois Works
26 Preapprenticeship Program is not eligible to receive bid

1 credits under the Illinois Works Bid Credit Program relating
2 to the same contract.

3 The Department shall report to the Illinois Works Review
4 Panel the following: (i) the number of bid credits awarded by
5 the Department; (ii) the number of bid credits submitted by
6 the contractor or subcontractor to the agency administering
7 the public works contract; and (iii) the number of bid credits
8 accepted by the agency for such contract. Any agency that
9 awards bid credits pursuant to the Illinois Works Credit Bank
10 Program shall report to the Department the number of bid
11 credits it accepted for the public works contract.

12 Upon a finding that a contractor or subcontractor has
13 reported falsified records to the Department in order to
14 fraudulently obtain bid credits, the Department may bar the
15 contractor or subcontractor from participating in the Illinois
16 Works Bid Credit Program and may suspend the contractor or
17 subcontractor from bidding on or participating in any public
18 works project. False or fraudulent claims for payment relating
19 to false bid credits may be subject to damages and penalties
20 under applicable law.

21 (e) The Department shall adopt any rules deemed necessary
22 to implement this Section. In order to provide for the
23 expeditious and timely implementation of this Act, the
24 Department may adopt emergency rules. The adoption of
25 emergency rules authorized by this subsection is deemed to be
26 necessary for the public interest, safety, and welfare.

1 (Source: P.A. 103-8, eff. 6-7-23; 103-305, eff. 7-28-23;
2 103-588, eff. 6-5-24; 103-605, eff. 7-1-24.)