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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 156

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 156 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 3. The Illinois Enterprise Zone Act is amended by
5 changing Section 4 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 655/4) (from Ch. 67 1/2, par. 604)

7 Sec. 4. Qualifications for Enterprise Zones.

8 (1) An area is qualified to become an enterprise zone
9 which:

10 (a) is a contiguous area, provided that a zone area may
11 exclude wholly surrounded territory within its boundaries;

12 (b) comprises a minimum of one-half square mile and not
13 more than 12 square miles, or 15 square miles if the zone
14 is located within the jurisdiction of 4 or more counties or
15 municipalities, in total area, exclusive of lakes and
16 waterways; however, in such cases where the enterprise zone

1 is a joint effort of three or more units of government, or
2 two or more units of government if situated in a township
3 which is divided by a municipality of 1,000,000 or more
4 inhabitants, and where the certification has been in effect
5 at least one year, the total area shall comprise a minimum
6 of one-half square mile and not more than thirteen square
7 miles in total area exclusive of lakes and waterways;

8 (c) (blank);

9 (d) (blank);

10 (e) is (1) entirely within a municipality or (2)
11 entirely within the unincorporated areas of a county,
12 except where reasonable need is established for such zone
13 to cover portions of more than one municipality or county
14 or (3) both comprises (i) all or part of a municipality and
15 (ii) an unincorporated area of a county; and

16 (f) meets 3 or more of the following criteria:

17 (1) all or part of the local labor market area has
18 had an annual average unemployment rate of at least
19 120% of the State's annual average unemployment rate
20 for the most recent calendar year or the most recent
21 fiscal year as reported by the Department of Employment
22 Security;

23 (2) designation will result in the development of
24 substantial employment opportunities by creating or
25 retaining a minimum aggregate of 1,000 full-time
26 equivalent jobs due to an aggregate investment of

1 \$100,000,000 or more, and will help alleviate the
2 effects of poverty and unemployment within the local
3 labor market area;

4 (3) all or part of the local labor market area has
5 a poverty rate of at least 20% according to the latest
6 federal decennial census, 50% or more of children in
7 the local labor market area participate in the federal
8 free lunch program according to reported statistics
9 from the State Board of Education, or 20% or more
10 households in the local labor market area receive food
11 stamps according to the latest federal decennial
12 census;

13 (4) an abandoned coal mine, ~~or~~ a brownfield (as
14 defined in Section 58.2 of the Environmental
15 Protection Act), or an inactive nuclear powered
16 electrical generation facility where spent nuclear
17 fuel is stored on-site is located in the proposed zone
18 area, or all or a portion of the proposed zone was
19 declared a federal disaster area in the 3 years
20 preceding the date of application;

21 (5) the local labor market area contains a presence
22 of large employers that have downsized over the years,
23 the labor market area has experienced plant closures in
24 the 5 years prior to the date of application affecting
25 more than 50 workers, or the local labor market area
26 has experienced State or federal facility closures in

1 the 5 years prior to the date of application affecting
2 more than 50 workers;

3 (6) based on data from Multiple Listing Service
4 information or other suitable sources, the local labor
5 market area contains a high floor vacancy rate of
6 industrial or commercial properties, vacant or
7 demolished commercial and industrial structures are
8 prevalent in the local labor market area, or industrial
9 structures in the local labor market area are not used
10 because of age, deterioration, relocation of the
11 former occupants, or cessation of operation;

12 (7) the applicant demonstrates a substantial plan
13 for using the designation to improve the State and
14 local government tax base, including income, sales,
15 and property taxes;

16 (8) significant public infrastructure is present
17 in the local labor market area in addition to a plan
18 for infrastructure development and improvement;

19 (9) high schools or community colleges located
20 within the local labor market area are engaged in ACT
21 Work Keys, Manufacturing Skills Standard
22 Certification, or other industry-based credentials
23 that prepare students for careers; or

24 (10) the change in equalized assessed valuation of
25 industrial and/or commercial properties in the 5 years
26 prior to the date of application is equal to or less

1 than 50% of the State average change in equalized
2 assessed valuation for industrial and/or commercial
3 properties, as applicable, for the same period of time.

4 As provided in Section 10-5.3 of the River Edge
5 Redevelopment Zone Act, upon the expiration of the term of each
6 River Edge Redevelopment Zone in existence on the effective
7 date of this amendatory Act of the 97th General Assembly, that
8 River Edge Redevelopment Zone will become available for its
9 previous designee or a new applicant to compete for designation
10 as an enterprise zone. No preference for designation will be
11 given to the previous designee of the zone.

12 (2) Any criteria established by the Department or by law
13 which utilize the rate of unemployment for a particular area
14 shall provide that all persons who are not presently employed
15 and have exhausted all unemployment benefits shall be
16 considered unemployed, whether or not such persons are actively
17 seeking employment.

18 (Source: P.A. 97-905, eff. 8-7-12.)

19 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
20 becoming law."