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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 2924

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 2924 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Department of Commerce and Economic  
5 Opportunity Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is  
6 amended by adding Sections 605-1030 and 605-1035 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 605/605-1030 new)

8 Sec. 605-1030. Office of Inclusion.

9 (a) The Office of Inclusion is hereby created within the  
10 Department. The Office shall assist minority-owned businesses,  
11 women-owned businesses, veteran-owned businesses and  
12 businesses owned by persons with disabilities through targeted  
13 programs, resources, and outreach and promotional activities.  
14 The Office shall engage in or conduct the following activities:

15 (1) promoting and conducting outreach efforts with  
16 respect to the making of small business loans pursuant to

1       Section 9-4.3 of the Build Illinois Act and assisting  
2       minority-owned businesses, women-owned businesses,  
3       veteran-owned businesses and businesses owned by persons  
4       with disabilities in applying for and receiving loan funds  
5       under that Act;

6           (2) providing and hosting workshops and public forums  
7       and engaging in outreach efforts for minority-owned  
8       businesses, women-owned businesses, veteran-owned  
9       businesses and businesses owned by persons with  
10       disabilities to encourage participation in programs  
11       authorized by the Business Enterprise for Minorities,  
12       Women and Persons with Disabilities Act and the Illinois  
13       Procurement Code;

14           (3) providing and hosting workshops and public forums  
15       and engaging in outreach efforts that assist and educate  
16       minority-owned businesses, women-owned businesses,  
17       veteran-owned businesses and businesses owned by persons  
18       with disabilities on the process of applying for and  
19       becoming certified to apply for State grant funds under the  
20       Grant Accountability and Transparency Act; and

21           (4) providing and hosting workshops and public forums  
22       and engaging in outreach efforts that assist and educate  
23       aspiring and existing minority-owned businesses,  
24       women-owned businesses, veteran-owned businesses, and  
25       businesses owned by persons with disabilities in  
26       understanding concepts such as, but not limited to,

1 business formation, business planning, capital access, and  
2 marketing a business.

3 (b) In order to facilitate and encourage the growth of  
4 supplier diversity, the Office may have at least one employee  
5 that serves as a supplier diversity program manager to (i)  
6 collect reports and information concerning entities that  
7 manage supplier diversity programs and (ii) conduct public  
8 workshops focused on specific industries to collaboratively  
9 connect diverse enterprises with entities that manage supplier  
10 diversity programs. Those workshops shall be modeled after  
11 Illinois Commerce Commission hearings for utilities and  
12 railroads and shall include a collaborative discussion of filed  
13 supplier diversity reports. The program manager shall hold  
14 public workshops for relevant industries including, but not  
15 limited to, gaming, hospitals, and public and private higher  
16 education. Those workshops shall be held on the following  
17 schedule:

18 (1) gaming: February;

19 (2) hospitals: April;

20 (3) public and private higher education: July; and

21 (4) Economic Development for a Growing Economy (EDGE)  
22 tax credit: September.

23 (c) The Department shall publish a template for supplier  
24 diversity reports to be used for EDGE tax credit recipients and  
25 private higher education institutions. The reports for private  
26 higher education and EDGE tax credit recipients shall contain

1 the following provisions:

2 (1) the name, address, phone number and email address  
3 of the point of contact for potential vendors to register  
4 with the entity;

5 (2) local, State, or private certifications that the  
6 entity accepts or recognizes for minority- and women-owned  
7 businesses;

8 (3) the voluntary supplier diversity goals, if any, for  
9 the next fiscal year for the entire budget of the entity;

10 (4) for the last fiscal year, the actual contractual  
11 spending for the entire budget of the entity and the actual  
12 spending for minority-owned and women-owned businesses,  
13 expressed both as actual dollars and as a percentage of the  
14 total budget for actual spending for the entity;

15 (5) narrative explaining the results of the report and  
16 the tactics to be employed to achieve the voluntary goals  
17 for the next fiscal year; and

18 (6) the particular areas of spending in the next fiscal  
19 year that the entity intends to procure that are most  
20 relevant to minority-owned and women-owned businesses.

21 (d) In addition, the Office shall compile and publish on  
22 its website a master database for all points of contract,  
23 certifications accepted, and links to the most recent supplier  
24 diversity reports submitted to the Department under:

25 (1) Section 405-530 of the Department of Central  
26 Management Services Law of the Civil Administrative Code of

1 Illinois;

2 (2) Section 5.3 of the Illinois Health Facilities  
3 Planning Act;

4 (3) Section 8f of the Business Enterprise for  
5 Minorities, Women, and Persons with Disabilities Act;

6 (4) Section 5-57 of the Economic Development for a  
7 Growing Economy Tax Credit Act;

8 (5) Section 5-117 of the Public Utilities Act;

9 (6) Section 12.2 of the Illinois Horse Racing Act of  
10 1975; and

11 (7) Section 10 of the Railroad Supplier Diversity Act.

12 (e) The Office shall administer programs established by the  
13 Department, the General Assembly, or both and shall provide  
14 grants to minority-owned business, woman-owned businesses,  
15 veteran-owned businesses, and businesses owned by persons with  
16 disabilities. The Office may establish applications,  
17 notifications, contracts, and other forms or procedures and may  
18 use vendors or contract work to carry out the purposes of this  
19 Act. The Office may coordinate assistance for businesses with  
20 other State agencies.

21 (f) The Department shall provide staff, administrative  
22 support, and related support to the Office as required to  
23 administer this Section and may adopt rules to administer this  
24 Section.

1       Sec. 605-1035. Higher education supplier diversity report.  
2       Every private institution of higher education approved by the  
3       Illinois Student Assistance Commission for the purposes of the  
4       Monetary Award Program shall submit a 2-page report on its  
5       voluntary supplier diversity program to the Department in the  
6       form and manner required by the Department by April 1 of every  
7       year. The Department shall hold an annual workshop open to the  
8       public with leaders of private institutions of higher education  
9       and minority-owned and women-owned businesses in July of every  
10      year.

11       Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
12      becoming law.".