

HB3225



101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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HB3225

by Rep. Thaddeus Jones

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

220 ILCS 5/16-108.12

Amends the Public Utilities Act. Provides that an electric utility that serves more than 3,000,000 customers in the State shall fund the construction of 5 employment training centers at a cost to be determined by the utility. Provides that the employment training centers shall be located in: the west side of Chicago; Ford Heights; Waukegan; Bloomington; and Peoria.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

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

4 Section 5. The Public Utilities Act is amended by changing
5 Section 16-108.12 as follows:

6 (220 ILCS 5/16-108.12)

7 Sec. 16-108.12. Utility job training program.

8 (a) An electric utility that serves more than 3,000,000
9 customers in the State shall spend \$10,000,000 per year in
10 2017, 2021, and 2025 to fund the programs described in this
11 Section.

12 (1) The utility shall fund a solar training pipeline
13 program in the amount of \$3,000,000. The utility may
14 administer the program or contract with another entity to
15 administer the program. The program shall be designed to
16 establish a solar installer training pipeline for projects
17 authorized under Section 1-56 of the Illinois Power Agency
18 Act and to establish a pool of trained installers who will
19 be able to install solar projects authorized under
20 subsection (c) of Section 1-75 of the Illinois Power Agency
21 Act and otherwise. The program may include single event
22 training programs. The program described in this paragraph
23 (1) shall be designed to ensure that entities that offer

1 training are located in, and trainees are recruited from,
2 the same communities that the program aims to serve and
3 that the program provides trainees with the opportunity to
4 obtain real-world experience. The program described in
5 this paragraph (1) shall also be designed to assist
6 trainees so that they can obtain applicable certifications
7 or participate in an apprenticeship program. The utility or
8 administrator shall include funding for programs that
9 provide training to individuals who are or were foster
10 children or that target persons with a record who are
11 transitioning with job training and job placement
12 programs. The program shall include an incentive to
13 facilitate an increase of hiring of qualified persons who
14 are or were foster children and persons with a record. It
15 is a goal of the program described in this paragraph (1)
16 that at least 50% of the trainees in this program come from
17 within environmental justice communities and that 2,000
18 jobs are created for persons who are or were foster
19 children and persons with a record.

20 (2) The utility shall fund a craft apprenticeship
21 program in the amount of \$3,000,000. The program shall be
22 an accredited or otherwise recognized apprenticeship
23 program over a period not to exceed 4 years, for particular
24 crafts, trades, or skills in the electric industry that
25 may, but need not, be related to solar installation.

26 (3) The utility shall fund multi-cultural jobs

1 programs in the amount of \$4,000,000. The funding shall be
2 allocated in the applicable year to individual programs as
3 set forth in subparagraphs (A) through (F) of this
4 paragraph (3) and may, but need not, be related to solar
5 installation, over a period not to exceed 4 years, by
6 diversity-focused community organizations that have a
7 record of successfully delivering job training.

8 (A) \$1,000,000 to a community-based civil rights
9 and human services not-for-profit organization that
10 provides economic development, human capital, and
11 education program services.

12 (B) \$500,000 to a not-for-profit organization that
13 is also an education institution that offers training
14 programs approved by the Illinois State Board of
15 Education and United States Department of Education
16 with the goal of providing workforce initiatives
17 leading to economic independence.

18 (C) \$500,000 to a not-for-profit organization
19 dedicated to developing the educational and leadership
20 capacity of minority youth through the operation of
21 schools, youth leadership clubs and youth development
22 centers.

23 (D) \$1,000,000 to a not-for-profit organization
24 dedicated to providing equal access to opportunities
25 in the construction industry that offer training
26 programs that include Occupational Safety and Health

1 Administration 10 and 30 certifications, Environmental
2 Protection Agency Renovation, Repair and Painting
3 Certification and Leadership in Energy and
4 Environmental Design Accredited Green Associate Exam
5 preparation courses.

6 (E) \$500,000 to a non-profit organization that has
7 a proven record of successfully implementing utility
8 industry training programs, with expertise in creating
9 programs that strengthen the economics of communities
10 including technical training workshops and economic
11 development through community and financial partners.

12 (F) \$500,000 to a nonprofit organization that
13 provides family services, housing education, job and
14 career education opportunities that has successfully
15 partnered with the utility on electric industry job
16 training.

17 (4) The utility shall fund the construction of 5
18 employment training centers at a cost to be determined by
19 the utility. The employment training centers shall be
20 located in the following Illinois cities or areas: (A) the
21 west side of Chicago; (B) Ford Heights; (C) Waukegan; (D)
22 Bloomington; and (E) Peoria.

23 For the purposes of this Section, "person with a record"
24 means any person who (1) has been convicted of a crime in this
25 State or of an offense in any other jurisdiction, not including
26 an offense or attempted offense that would subject a person to

1 registration under the Sex Offender Registration Act; (2) has a
2 record of an arrest or an arrest that did not result in
3 conviction for any crime in this State or of an offense in any
4 other jurisdiction; or (3) has a juvenile delinquency
5 adjudication.

6 (b) Within 60 days after the effective date of this
7 amendatory Act of the 99th General Assembly, an electric
8 utility that serves more than 3,000,000 customers in the State
9 shall file with the Commission a plan to implement this
10 Section. Within 60 days after the plan is filed, the Commission
11 shall enter an order approving the plan if it is consistent
12 with this Section or, if the plan is not consistent with this
13 Section, the Commission shall explain the deficiencies, after
14 which time the utility shall file a new plan. The utility shall
15 use the funds described in subparagraph (O) of paragraph (1) of
16 subsection (c) of Section 1-75 of the Illinois Power Agency Act
17 to pay for the Commission approved programs under this Section.
18 (Source: P.A. 99-906, eff. 6-1-17.)