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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 4455

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 4455 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
6 is amended by adding Section 605-1095 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 605/605-1095 new)

8 Sec. 605-1095. Recovery Initiative to Support Employment
9 (RISE) Grant Program.

10 (a) The Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
11 shall establish the Recovery Initiative to Support Employment
12 (RISE) Grant Program.

13 (b) From funds appropriated, directly or indirectly, from
14 moneys received by the State from the Coronavirus State Fiscal
15 Recovery Fund under the American Rescue Plan Act, the
16 Department shall allocate \$250,000,000 as grants to: (i)

1 businesses for the purpose of aiding in the employment of
2 persons unemployed as a result of the COVID-19 public health
3 emergency; and (ii) nonprofit organizations acting as
4 community navigators that serve the purpose of aiding
5 underserved businesses, including businesses owned or operated
6 by minority persons, veterans, and women, in gaining access to
7 relief funds and resources related to the COVID-19 public
8 health emergency.

9 (c) Eligible businesses shall receive grants in the amount
10 of \$5,000. To be eligible for a grant under this Section, a
11 business must: (i) retrain and hire qualified employees; (ii)
12 employ less than 50 employees; and (iii) create a net new job.
13 Grants will be awarded in the order in which applications are
14 received. A business shall be eligible for one grant provided
15 under this Program. Once all applicants receive an initial
16 grant, a business may apply for a second grant until the
17 initial fund allocation is depleted.

18 (d) Eligible community navigators shall receive grants in
19 amounts ranging from \$100,000 to \$2,000,000. To be eligible
20 for grants under this Section, a community navigator must be a
21 nonprofit organization that provides outreach to hard-to-reach
22 or underserved businesses to raise awareness of opportunities
23 for federal or State support related to the COVID-19 public
24 health emergency, including, but not limited to, aiding such
25 businesses with access to grants, financial planning,
26 marketing outreach, and technical assistance. Grants will be

1 awarded in the order in which applications are received. The
2 number and scale of grants awarded will depend on the proposed
3 scope of services provided by the community navigator in terms
4 of geography and targeted business types.

5 (e) The Department shall adopt rules for the
6 implementation of this Section.

7 (f) For purposes of this Section:

8 "Net new job" means a full-time equivalent employment
9 position that causes the taxpayer's average employee head
10 count in the State for the calendar year in which the taxable
11 year begins to exceed its employee head count in the State on
12 the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 102nd General
13 Assembly.

14 "Qualified employee" means a resident of the State who is
15 hired by the taxpayer to fill a net new job and was unemployed
16 as a result of mandated business closures caused by the
17 COVID-19 public health emergency prior to the date he or she
18 was hired by the taxpayer. "Qualified employee" includes, but
19 is not limited to, a resident who was self-employed, but
20 became unemployed because of COVID-19. "Qualified employee"
21 does not include an employee who was furloughed by the
22 taxpayer and reinstated during the taxable year."