



Sen. Ram Villivalam

Filed: 4/20/2021

10200SB2474sam001

LRB102 17360 CPF 25483 a

1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 2474

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 2474 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 1. Short title. This Act may be referred to as the
5 Illinois Partners for Nutrient Loss Reduction Act.

6 Section 3. Findings. The General Assembly finds that:

7 (1) Excessive levels of nutrients are degrading the
8 quality of streams, rivers, and lakes within the State of
9 Illinois and contributing to the dead zone in the Gulf of
10 Mexico.

11 (2) The State's Environmental Protection Agency and
12 Department of Agriculture collaborated with the Policy Working
13 Group, working with academics, environmental nonprofit
14 organizations, representatives of federal, State, and local
15 agencies, wastewater treatment professionals, and the
16 agricultural community to develop the Illinois Nutrient Loss

1 Reduction Strategy in 2015. They continue to collaborate to
2 implement the Strategy.

3 (3) The Strategy sets a milestone to reduce nitrogen loads
4 in Illinois waters that leave the State by 15% and phosphorus
5 loads by 25% by 2025 from baseline levels of 1980-1996. One
6 goal is to reduce both nitrogen and phosphorus loads by 45%.

7 (4) The Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of
8 Natural Resources, and the Department of Agriculture require
9 resources to administer and implement the Strategy in order to
10 meet the Strategy's 2025 milestone and goal.

11 (5) Nutrient capture practices cost share grants will
12 assist Illinois' agricultural economy in meeting the goals of
13 the Strategy.

14 (6) Soil and Water Conservation Districts assist Illinois
15 farmers in implementing nutrient capture practices on their
16 farmland.

17 Section 5. The State Finance Act is amended by changing
18 Section 6z-32 as follows:

19 (30 ILCS 105/6z-32)

20 Sec. 6z-32. Partners for Planning and Conservation.

21 (a) The Partners for Conservation Fund (formerly known as
22 the Conservation 2000 Fund) and the Partners for Conservation
23 Projects Fund (formerly known as the Conservation 2000
24 Projects Fund) are created as special funds in the State

1 Treasury. These funds shall be used to establish a
2 comprehensive program to protect Illinois' natural resources
3 through cooperative partnerships between State government and
4 public and private landowners. Moneys in these Funds may be
5 used, subject to appropriation, by the Department of Natural
6 Resources, Environmental Protection Agency, and the Department
7 of Agriculture for purposes relating to natural resource
8 protection, planning, recreation, tourism, and compatible
9 agricultural and economic development activities. Without
10 limiting these general purposes, moneys in these Funds may be
11 used, subject to appropriation, for the following specific
12 purposes:

13 (1) To foster sustainable agriculture practices and
14 control soil erosion, ~~and~~ sedimentation, and nutrient loss
15 from farmland, including grants to Soil and Water
16 Conservation Districts for conservation practice
17 cost-share grants and for personnel, educational, and
18 administrative expenses.

19 (2) To establish and protect a system of ecosystems in
20 public and private ownership through conservation
21 easements, incentives to public and private landowners,
22 natural resource restoration and preservation, water
23 quality protection and improvement, land use and watershed
24 planning, technical assistance and grants, and land
25 acquisition provided these mechanisms are all voluntary on
26 the part of the landowner and do not involve the use of

1 eminent domain.

2 (3) To develop a systematic and long-term program to
3 effectively measure and monitor natural resources and
4 ecological conditions through investments in technology
5 and involvement of scientific experts.

6 (4) To initiate strategies to enhance, use, and
7 maintain Illinois' inland lakes through education,
8 technical assistance, research, and financial incentives.

9 (5) To partner with private landowners and with units
10 of State, federal, and local government and with
11 not-for-profit organizations in order to integrate State
12 and federal programs with Illinois' natural resource
13 protection and restoration efforts and to meet
14 requirements to obtain federal and other funds for
15 conservation or protection of natural resources.

16 (6) To implement the State's Nutrient Loss Reduction
17 Strategy, including, but not limited to, funding the
18 resources needed to support the Strategy's Policy Working
19 Group, cover water quality monitoring in support of
20 Strategy implementation, prepare a biennial report on the
21 progress made on the Strategy every 2 years, and provide
22 cost share funding for nutrient capture projects.

23 (b) The State Comptroller and State Treasurer shall
24 automatically transfer on the last day of each month,
25 beginning on September 30, 1995 and ending on June 30, 2027
26 ~~2021~~, from the General Revenue Fund to the Partners for

1 Conservation Fund, an amount equal to 1/10 of the amount set
2 forth below in fiscal year 1996 and an amount equal to 1/12 of
3 the amount set forth below in each of the other specified
4 fiscal years:

5 Fiscal Year	Amount
6 1996	\$ 3,500,000
7 1997	\$ 9,000,000
8 1998	\$10,000,000
9 1999	\$11,000,000
10 2000	\$12,500,000
11 2001 through 2004	\$14,000,000
12 2005	\$7,000,000
13 2006	\$11,000,000
14 2007	\$0
15 2008 through 2011	\$14,000,000
16 2012	\$12,200,000
17 2013 through 2017	\$14,000,000
18 2018	\$1,500,000
19 2019	\$14,000,000
20 2020	\$7,500,000
21 2021	\$14,000,000
22 <u>2022 through 2027</u>	<u>\$14,000,000</u>

23 (b-5) In addition to the amounts transferred under
24 subsection (b), each fiscal year the State Comptroller and
25 State Treasurer may transfer from any other State fund deemed
26 to have an excessive balance an amount necessary to meet the

1 funding obligations enumerated in subsections (e), (f), and
2 (g) of this Section.

3 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
4 contrary and in addition to any other transfers that may be
5 provided for by law, on the last day of each month beginning on
6 July 31, 2006 and ending on June 30, 2007, or as soon
7 thereafter as may be practical, the State Comptroller shall
8 direct and the State Treasurer shall transfer \$1,000,000 from
9 the Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development Fund to the
10 Partners for Conservation Fund (formerly known as the
11 Conservation 2000 Fund).

12 (d) There shall be deposited into the Partners for
13 Conservation Projects Fund such bond proceeds and other moneys
14 as may, from time to time, be provided by law.

15 (e) For years 2022 through 2027, \$1,075,000 from the
16 Partners for Conservation Fund shall be provided annually to
17 the Agency and used as follows:

18 (1) \$530,000 for coordination of Strategy
19 implementation, including, but not limited to, meeting
20 coordination, reporting, and watershed coordination; and

21 (2) \$545,000 to cover water quality monitoring in
22 support of Strategy implementation.

23 (f) For years 2022 through 2027, funding from the Partners
24 for Conservation Fund shall be provided annually to the
25 Department of Agriculture:

26 (1) to be used for Soil and Water Conservation

Districts for personnel, educational, and administrative expenses;

(2) to fund the Cover Crops Insurance Premium Discount Program; and

(3) for conservation practices cost share grants and technical assistance.

Funding provided to the Department of Agriculture under this subsection shall be in the amount set forth below in each of the specified fiscal years:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>2022</u>	<u>\$10,060,000</u>
<u>2023</u>	<u>\$11,825,000</u>
<u>2024</u>	<u>\$14,950,000</u>
<u>2025</u>	<u>\$17,590,000</u>
<u>2026</u>	<u>\$17,605,000</u>
<u>2027</u>	<u>\$17,620,000</u>

(g) For years 2022 through 2027, \$7,000,000 funding from the Partners for Conservation Fund shall be provided annually to the Department of Natural Resources and used as follows:

(1) \$6,000,000 for personnel, educational, administrative, and conservation practices expenses; and

(2) \$1,000,000 for conservation practices on publicly owned property of the Department of Natural Resources, and its surrounding area, that is leased to agricultural producers.

In this Section, "strategy" means the Illinois

1 Environmental Protection Agency's 2015 Illinois Nutrient Loss
2 Reduction Strategy and its biennial reports of 2017 and 2019.
3 (Source: P.A. 100-23, eff. 7-6-17; 101-10, eff. 6-5-19.)

4 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
5 becoming law.".