

HB2810



103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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Introduced 2/16/2023, by Rep. Harry Benton

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 605/605-1110 new

Amends the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Provides that the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity shall establish a Worker Relocation Grant Program to award grants to incentivize workers to relocate to the State. Provides that a base grant awarded to a relocating employee shall not exceed \$5,000 and an enhanced grant awarded to a relocating employee that satisfies specified criteria shall not exceed exceed \$7,500. Provides that the Department may adopt any rules necessary to administer the Worker Relocation Grant Program. Defines terms.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

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

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 605-1110 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 605/605-1110 new)

8 Sec. 605-1110. Worker Relocation Grant Program.

9 (a) The Department shall establish a Worker Relocation
10 Grant Program to award grants to incentivize workers to
11 relocate to this State.

12 (b) A relocating employee may be eligible for a grant
13 under the program for qualifying expenses, subject to the
14 following:

15 (1) A base grant awarded to a relocating employee
16 shall not exceed \$5,000.

17 (2) An enhanced grant awarded to a relocating employee
18 shall not exceed exceed \$7,500 and may be awarded if a
19 relocating employee becomes a resident in a labor market
20 area in this State in which:

21 (A) the average annual unemployment rate in the
22 labor market area exceeds the average annual
23 unemployment rate in this State; or

1 (B) the average annual wage in this State exceeds
2 the annual average wage in the labor market area.

3 (c) As used in this Section:

4 "Qualifying expenses" means the actual costs a relocating
5 employee incurs for relocation expenses, limited to the
6 following:

7 (1) closing costs for a primary residence;

8 (2) rental security deposit;

9 (3) one month's rent payment;

10 (4) hiring a moving company;

11 (5) renting moving equipment;

12 (6) shipping cots; and

13 (7) moving supplies.

14 "Relocating employee" means an individual who meets the
15 following criteria on or after July 1, 2024:

16 (1) incurs qualified relocation expenses;

17 (2) becomes a full-time resident of this State;

18 (3) is subject to Illinois income tax;

19 (4) receives gross salary or wages that equal or
20 exceed the livable wage in this State; and

21 (5) becomes a full-time employee of an employer in
22 this State who attests to the Department that, after
23 reasonable time and effort, was unable to fill the
24 relocating employee's position from among Illinois
25 applicants.

26 (d) The Department may adopt any rules necessary to

1 administer the provisions of this Section.