

1 AN ACT concerning education.

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

4 Section 5. The Southern Illinois University Management Act  
5 is amended by changing Section 6.6 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 520/6.6)

7 Sec. 6.6. The Illinois Ethanol Research Advisory Board.

8 (a) There is established the Illinois Ethanol Research  
9 Advisory Board (the "Advisory Board").

10 (b) The Advisory Board shall be composed of 14 members,  
11 including: the President of Southern Illinois University or  
12 the President's designee, who shall be Chairperson ~~Chairman~~;  
13 the Director of Commerce and Economic Opportunity or the  
14 Director's designee; the Director of Agriculture or the  
15 Director's designee; the President of the Illinois Corn  
16 Growers Association or the President's designee; the President  
17 of the National Corn Growers Association or the President's  
18 designee; the President of the Renewable Fuels Association or  
19 the President's designee; the Dean of the College of  
20 Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Science, University  
21 of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, or the Dean's designee; the  
22 Dean of the College of Agricultural, Life, and Physical  
23 Sciences, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, or the

1 Dean's designee; and 6 at-large members appointed by the  
2 Governor representing the ethanol industry, growers,  
3 suppliers, and universities or those members' designees.

4 (c) The 6 at-large members shall serve a term of 4 years.  
5 The Advisory Board shall meet at least annually or at the call  
6 of the Chairman. At any time a majority of the Advisory Board  
7 may petition the Chairman for a meeting of the Board. Seven  
8 members of the Advisory Board shall constitute a quorum.

9 (d) The Advisory Board shall:

10 (1) Review the annual operating plans and budget of  
11 the National Corn-to-Ethanol Research Pilot Plant.

12 (2) Advise on research and development priorities and  
13 projects to be carried out at the Corn-to-Ethanol Research  
14 Pilot Plant.

15 (3) Advise on policies and procedures regarding the  
16 management and operation of the ethanol research pilot  
17 plant. This may include contracts, project selection, and  
18 personnel issues.

19 (4) Develop bylaws.

20 (5) Submit a final report to the Governor and General  
21 Assembly outlining the progress and accomplishments made  
22 during the year along with a financial report for the  
23 year.

24 (6) Establish and operate, subject to specific  
25 appropriation for the purpose of providing facility  
26 operating funds, the National Corn-to-Ethanol Research

1 Center at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville as  
2 a State Biorefining Center of Excellence with the  
3 following purposes and goals:

4 (A) To utilize interdisciplinary,  
5 interinstitutional, and industrial collaborations to  
6 conduct research.

7 (B) To provide training and services to the  
8 ethanol fuel industry to make projects and training to  
9 advance the biofuels industry in the State more  
10 affordable for the institutional and industrial  
11 bodies, including, but not limited to, Illinois  
12 farmer-owned ethanol cooperatives.

13 (C) To coordinate near-term industry research  
14 needs and laboratory services by identifying needs and  
15 pursuing federal and other funding sources.

16 (D) To develop and provide hands-on training to  
17 prepare students for the biofuels workforce and train  
18 workforce reentrants.

19 (E) To serve as an independent, third-party source  
20 for review, testing, validation standardization, and  
21 definition in areas of industry need.

22 (F) To provide seminars, tours, and informational  
23 sessions advocating renewable energy.

24 (G) To provide consultation services and  
25 information for those interested in renewable energy.

26 (H) To develop demonstration projects by pursuing

1 federal and other funding sources.

2 (e) The Advisory Board established by this Section is a  
3 continuation, as changed by the Section, of the Board  
4 established under Section 8a of the Energy Conservation and  
5 Coal Development Act and repealed by Public Act 92-736.

6 (Source: P.A. 102-370, eff. 8-13-21; 102-813, eff. 5-13-22.)

7 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
8 becoming law.