

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 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Job
5 Training and Workforce Development Transparency Act.

6 Section 5. Findings; legislative intent.

7 (a) The General Assembly finds that the State of Illinois
8 and the federal government allocate millions of dollars
9 annually to various job training and workforce development
10 programs to enhance the skills and employability of residents
11 of the State.

12 (b) The General Assembly further finds that the effective
13 utilization of public funds requires a transparent and
14 accountable system to track the outcomes and impacts of State
15 and federally funded job training programs.

16 (c) It has come to the attention of the General Assembly
17 that there are currently programs receiving substantial State
18 funding that lack a systematic and comprehensive tracking
19 mechanism for assessing their success and impact on the
20 targeted populations.

21 (d) The lack of standardized reporting on the allocation
22 and effectiveness of these funds raises concerns regarding the
23 State's ability to measure the return on investment, ensure

1 equity in program access, and make informed decisions on
2 resource allocation for future initiatives.

3 (e) The intent of this Act is to require the Department of
4 Commerce and Economic Opportunity, in collaboration with
5 affected State agencies, to compile a detailed report within
6 18 months after the effective date of this Act, providing a
7 comprehensive overview of all State-funded job training and
8 workforce development programs in Illinois.

9 (f) It is the intent of the General Assembly to ensure that
10 Illinois residents receive maximum benefit from State and
11 federally funded programs and that the State is able to make
12 informed policy decisions based on a thorough understanding of
13 the impact of these initiatives.

14 (g) It is the further intent of the General Assembly that
15 the reporting requirements established by this Act serve as a
16 mechanism to identify successful programs, areas for
17 improvement, and potential areas of duplication or overlap in
18 order to optimize the efficiency and effectiveness of State
19 and federally funded job training and workforce development
20 efforts.

21 Section 10. Reporting requirements.

22 (a) Within 18 months after the effective date of this Act,
23 the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, in
24 coordination with relevant State agencies, shall compile a
25 report concerning all State and federally funded job training

1 and workforce development programs in this State. If
2 practicable, the report shall also include trade
3 apprenticeship programs, healthcare-related training programs
4 offered by healthcare providers, manufacturing training, and
5 job training and workforce development programs funded solely
6 by units of local government.

7 (b) The report shall identify each State and federally
8 funded job training and workforce development program in this
9 State and, if practicable, trade apprenticeship programs,
10 healthcare-related training programs offered by healthcare
11 providers, manufacturing training, and job training and
12 workforce development programs funded solely by units of local
13 government. The report shall also provide, at a minimum, the
14 following information about each program:

15 (1) the name of the State agency that appropriated the
16 funding for the program;

17 (2) the source of the funding for the program; and

18 (3) the name and location of the organizations that
19 received funding under the program in the calendar year
20 preceding the report date.

21 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision in this Act, the
22 report outlined in Section 10 may not include
23 employer-sponsored training programs.

24 Section 15. Coordination with State agencies. Relevant
25 State agencies shall collaborate with the Department of

1 Commerce and Economic Opportunity to ensure the timely and
2 accurate collection of information required for the report
3 described in Section 10.

4 Section 20. Publication and accessibility. The Department
5 of Commerce and Economic Opportunity shall submit the report
6 described in Section 10 to the General Assembly and the
7 Governor and make the report accessible to the public on the
8 Department's website no later than 18 months after the
9 effective date of this Act.

10 Section 25. Department contracts. The Department of
11 Commerce and Economic Opportunity may contract with the
12 statewide Illinois Longitudinal Data System (ILDS) to carry
13 out the provisions of this Act.

14 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
15 becoming law.