



**94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
**State of Illinois**  
**2005 and 2006**  
**HB0211**

Introduced 1/13/2005, by Rep. William Delgado

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

20 ILCS 605/605-600

was 20 ILCS 605/46.19f

Amends the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Law. Authorizes the Department to form the Illinois Food Systems Policy Council. Provides that the Council's purposes are to develop policies around food access and security, improve individual health and well-being, promote economic incentives for Illinois farmers, agri-businesses, and other private enterprises, and encourage public/private partnerships around healthy food options. Sets out certain entities that must be represented on the Council. Requires the Department to administer the Council. Requires the Council to make annual reports to the General Assembly.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

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 is  
6 amended by changing Section 605-600 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 605/605-600) (was 20 ILCS 605/46.19f)

8 Sec. 605-600. Buy Illinois Program. The Department shall  
9 have the authority to establish and administer a Buy Illinois  
10 Program, which may include, but is not limited to, the  
11 following powers and duties:

12 (1) To accept grants, loans, or appropriations from the  
13 federal government or the State or any agency or  
14 instrumentality thereof, and to assess fees for any services  
15 performed under the Buy Illinois Program, to carry out the  
16 program.

17 (2) To form a Buy Illinois Council, made up of Illinois  
18 large firms and small firms, to provide advice and counsel in  
19 directing a statewide program.

20 (3) To publicize and advertise to Illinois firms and  
21 government agencies the importance and benefits of buying goods  
22 and services provided by vendors located within the State.

23 (4) To secure the cooperation of Illinois' large firms,  
24 federal, State and local governments, non-profit agencies,  
25 international organizations, and others to carry out this  
26 program.

27 (5) To match the needs for products and services by  
28 business firms and government agencies with the capabilities of  
29 small Illinois firms that can provide those needed goods and  
30 services.

31 (6) To hold purchasing agent seminars, fairs, conferences  
32 and workshops to aid small Illinois businesses in obtaining

1 contracts for goods and services from larger firms and  
2 government agencies within the State.

3 (7) To assist business firms and government agencies to  
4 analyze their buying activities and to find ways to carry out  
5 those activities in an effective and economical manner, while  
6 promoting subcontract activity with small Illinois firms.

7 (8) To establish manual and electronic buying directories,  
8 including stand alone computer data bases that list qualified  
9 vendors and procurement opportunities.

10 (9) To promote through other means the use by international  
11 agencies, government agencies, and larger businesses of  
12 products and services produced by small Illinois firms.

13 (10) To subcontract, grant funds, or otherwise participate  
14 with qualified private firms, existing procurement centers, or  
15 other organizations that have designed programs approved in  
16 accordance with procedures determined by the Department, that  
17 are aimed at assisting small Illinois firms in obtaining  
18 contracts for products and services from local government  
19 agencies and larger Illinois businesses.

20 (11) To develop and administer guidelines for projects that  
21 provide assistance to the Department in connection with the Buy  
22 Illinois Program.

23 (12) To form the Illinois Food Systems Policy Council to  
24 develop policies around food access and security, improve  
25 individual health and well-being, promote economic incentives  
26 for Illinois farmers, agri-businesses, and other private  
27 enterprises, and encourage public/private partnerships around  
28 healthy food options. Membership on the Council shall, at a  
29 minimum, include representatives from the Department of Human  
30 Services, the Department of Public Health, the Department of  
31 Agriculture, the Department of Natural Resources, the State  
32 Board of Education, the Food Nutrition and Education Program,  
33 farmers and farm associations, businesses and business  
34 associations, including agri-businesses and food processing  
35 businesses, and community based organizations, including those  
36 working on food access, security, and delivery and on obesity

1 prevention. The Department of Commerce and Economic  
2 Opportunity shall administer the Council. The Council must  
3 submit an annual report to the General Assembly describing the  
4 Council's work, including, without limitation, performance  
5 indicators to measure the impact of policies and practices  
6 adopted by the Council.

7 (Source: P.A. 91-239, eff. 1-1-00.)