



94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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SB1699

Introduced 2/24/2005, by Sen. Arthur J. Wilhelmi

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 605/605-425 new

Amends the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Creates the Illinois Steel Development Board as an advisory body to the Department. Requires the Board to advise and make recommendations on the research, marketing, and promotion of American steel and the Illinois steel industry. Specifies the composition of the Board, including members appointed by the Governor with Senate confirmation and members appointed by the legislative leaders.

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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 adding Section 605-425 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 605/605-425 new)

8 Sec. 605-425. Illinois Steel Development Board.

9 (a) The Illinois Steel Development Board is established as
10 an advisory board to the Department of Commerce and Economic
11 Opportunity. The Board shall be composed of the following
12 voting members: the Director of Commerce and Economic
13 Opportunity, who shall be Chairman of the Board, the Deputy
14 Director of the Bureau of Business Development within the
15 Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, 4 members of
16 the General Assembly (one each appointed by the President of
17 the Senate, the Senate Minority Leader, the Speaker of the
18 House of Representatives, and the House Minority Leader), and 8
19 persons appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent
20 of the Senate. Members appointed by the Governor must include
21 representatives of Illinois industries that are involved in the
22 production, use, or transportation of American steel,
23 representatives of financial or banking interests in the State,
24 persons involved in labor, and persons experienced in
25 international business and economic development. Members
26 appointed by the Governor shall be chosen from persons of
27 recognized ability and experience in their designated field.

28 The members appointed by the Governor shall serve for terms
29 of 4 years. The initial terms of the initial appointees shall
30 expire on July 1, 2009. A member appointed by a legislative
31 leader shall serve for the duration of the General Assembly for
32 which he or she is appointed, so long as the member remains a

1 member of that General Assembly.

2 The Board shall meet at least annually or at the call of
3 the Chairman. At any time the majority of the Board may
4 petition the Chairman for a meeting of the Board. Nine members
5 of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

6 Members of the Board shall be reimbursed for actual and
7 necessary expenses incurred while performing their duties as
8 members of the Board from funds appropriated to the Department
9 for that purpose.

10 (b) The Board shall provide advice and make recommendations
11 to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity on the
12 following:

13 (1) The development of an annual agenda that may
14 include, but is not limited to, research, marketing, and
15 promotional methodologies conducted for the purpose of
16 increasing the use of American steel produced, used, or
17 transported by Illinois companies with emphasis on the
18 following areas: maintaining and increasing employment of
19 Illinois workers in the steel industry; steel preparation
20 and characterization; marketing; public awareness and
21 education; transportation; and environmental impacts.

22 (2) The support and coordination of American steel
23 research, marketing, and promotion; the approval of
24 projects consistent with the annual agenda and budget for
25 steel research, marketing, and promotion; and the approval
26 of the annual budget and operating plan for administration
27 of the Board.

28 (3) The promotion and coordination of available
29 research, marketing, and promotional information on the
30 production, preparation, distribution, and uses of
31 American steel. The Board shall advise the existing
32 research institutions within the State on areas where
33 research may be necessary.

34 (4) The cooperation to the fullest extent possible with
35 State and federal agencies and departments, independent
36 organizations, and other interested groups, public and

1 private, for the purposes of promoting American steel
2 resources.

3 (5) The submission of an annual report to the Governor
4 and the General Assembly outlining the progress and
5 accomplishments made during the calendar year and
6 furnishing other relevant information.

7 (6) Focusing on existing steel research, marketing,
8 and promotion efforts in carrying out its mission, ways to
9 make use of existing facilities in Illinois or other
10 institutions carrying out research, marketing, and
11 promotion of American steel and, as far as practical, to
12 make maximum use of the facilities available in Illinois,
13 including universities and colleges located within the
14 State of Illinois, and the creation of a consortium or
15 center that conducts, coordinates, and supports steel
16 research, promotion, and marketing activities in the State
17 of Illinois. Programmatic activities of the consortium or
18 center shall be subject to approval by the Department and
19 shall be consistent with the purposes of this Section. The
20 Department may authorize the expenditure of funds in
21 support of the administrative and programmatic operations
22 of the center or consortium that are consistent with its
23 authority. Administrative actions undertaken by or for the
24 center or consortium shall be subject to the approval of
25 the Department.

26 (7) Reasonable ways, before initiating any research,
27 to avoid duplication of effort and expense through the
28 coordination of the research efforts of various agencies,
29 departments, universities, or organizations.

30 (8) The adoption, amendment, and repeal of rules,
31 regulations, and bylaws governing the Board's organization
32 and conduct of business.

33 (9) The search for, the acceptance of, and the
34 expenditure of gifts or grants in any form, from any public
35 agency or from any other source. The gifts and grants may
36 be held in trust by the Department and expended at the

1 direction of the Department and in the exercise of the
2 Department's powers and performance of the Department's
3 duties.

4 (10) The publication, from time to time, of the results
5 of American steel research, marketing, and promotion
6 projects funded through the Department.

7 (c) The Board shall also provide advice and make
8 recommendations to the Department on the following:

9 (1) The creation and maintenance of current and
10 accurate records on all markets for and actual uses of
11 steel processed, utilized, or transported in Illinois and
12 ways of making those records available to the public upon
13 request.

14 (2) The identification of all current and anticipated
15 future technical, economic, institutional, market,
16 environmental, regulatory, and other impediments to the
17 use of American steel and the Illinois steel industry.

18 (3) The identification of alternative plans or actions
19 that would maintain or increase the use of American steel
20 and the Illinois steel industry.

21 (4) The development of strategies and proposing
22 policies to promote responsible uses of American steel
23 processed, used, or transported by the Illinois steel
24 industry.