

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 an
10 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 (1) one member shall be a member of the faculty of a school of
22 business located within Illinois; (2) one member shall be a
23 member of the faculty of a school of engineering located within
24 Illinois; (3) one member shall represent a labor union that
25 represents steelworkers; and (4) 5 members shall represent the
26 Illinois steel industry, including but not limited to
27 technology, transportation, financial, production, and use.
28 Members appointed by the Governor shall be chosen from persons
29 of recognized ability and experience in their designated
30 field.

31 The members appointed by the Governor shall serve for terms
32 of 4 years. The initial terms of the initial appointees shall

1 expire on July 1, 2009. A member appointed by a legislative
2 leader shall serve for the duration of the General Assembly for
3 which he or she is appointed, so long as the member remains a
4 member of that General Assembly.

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

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

13 (b) The Board shall provide advice and make recommendations
14 to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity on the
15 following:

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

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

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

1 (4) The cooperation to the fullest extent possible with
2 State and federal agencies and departments, independent
3 organizations, and other interested groups, public and
4 private, for the purposes of promoting American steel
5 resources.

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

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

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

33 (8) The adoption, amendment, and repeal of rules,
34 regulations, and bylaws governing the Board's organization
35 and conduct of business.

36 (9) The search for, the acceptance of, and the

1 expenditure of gifts or grants in any form, from any public
2 agency or from any other source. The gifts and grants may
3 be held in trust by the Department and expended at the
4 direction of the Department and in the exercise of the
5 Department's powers and performance of the Department's
6 duties.

7 (10) The publication, from time to time, of the results
8 of American steel research, marketing, and promotion
9 projects funded through the Department.

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

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

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

21 (3) The identification of alternative plans or actions
22 that would maintain or increase the use of American steel
23 and the Illinois steel industry.

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