

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 13 members
11 including: the President of Southern Illinois University who
12 shall be Chairman; the Director of Commerce and Economic
13 Opportunity; the Director of Agriculture; the President of the
14 Illinois Corn Growers Association; the President of the
15 National Corn Growers Association; the President of the
16 Renewable Fuels Association; the Dean of the College of
17 Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Science, University
18 of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana; and 6 at-large members
19 appointed by the Governor representing the ethanol industry,
20 growers, suppliers, and universities.

21 (c) The 6 at-large members shall serve a term of 4 years.
22 The Advisory Board shall meet at least annually or at the call
23 of the Chairman. At any time a majority of the Advisory Board

1 may petition the Chairman for a meeting of the Board. Seven
2 members of the Advisory Board shall constitute a quorum.

3 (d) The Advisory Board shall:

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

6 (2) Advise on research and development priorities and
7 projects to be carried out at the Corn-to-Ethanol Research
8 Pilot Plant.

9 (3) Advise on policies and procedures regarding the
10 management and operation of the ethanol research pilot
11 plant. This may include contracts, project selection, and
12 personnel issues.

13 (4) Develop bylaws.

14 (5) Submit a final report to the Governor and General
15 Assembly outlining the progress and accomplishments made
16 during the year along with a financial report for the year.

17 (6) Establish and operate, subject to specific
18 appropriation for the purpose of providing facility
19 operating funds, the National Corn-to-Ethanol Research
20 Center at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville as a
21 State Biorefining Center of Excellence with the following
22 purposes and goals:

23 (A) To utilize interdisciplinary,
24 interinstitutional, and industrial collaborations to
25 conduct research.

26 (B) To provide training and services to the ethanol

1 fuel industry to make projects and training to advance
2 the biofuels industry in the State more affordable for
3 the institutional and industrial bodies, including,
4 but not limited to, Illinois farmer-owned ethanol
5 cooperatives.

6 (C) To coordinate near-term industry research
7 needs and laboratory services by identifying needs and
8 pursuing federal and other funding sources.

9 (D) To develop and provide hands-on training to
10 prepare students for the biofuels workforce and train
11 workforce reentrants.

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

15 (F) To provide seminars, tours, and informational
16 sessions advocating renewable energy.

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

19 (H) To develop demonstration projects by pursuing
20 federal and other funding sources.

21 (e) The Advisory Board established by this Section is a
22 continuation, as changed by the Section, of the Board
23 established under Section 8a of the Energy Conservation and
24 Coal Act and repealed by this amendatory Act of the 92nd
25 General Assembly.

26 (Source: P.A. 94-793, eff. 5-19-06.)