

HB1733



95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 3948/25
20 ILCS 3948/50
20 ILCS 3948/45 rep.
20 ILCS 3948/55 rep.

Amends the Illinois Global Partnership Act. Removes the Partnership's (i) authority over and responsibility for the marketing and representation of the State's agribusiness and (ii) authority to share Department of Agriculture employees.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

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 Illinois Global Partnership Act is amended
5 by changing Sections 25 and 50 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 3948/25)

7 Sec. 25. Powers of IGP. IGP has the power to:

8 (1) Host monthly leadership forums to give small groups
9 of top business leaders the ability to interact with top
10 federal, State, and local governmental officials.

11 (2) Manage trips to Washington, D.C., for key business
12 leaders, giving this group exposure to top policy makers in
13 the federal administration and Congress.

14 (3) Manage trips to the State for members of Congress
15 and their staffs, giving this group exposure to Illinois
16 businesses, research facilities, and other statewide
17 highlights.

18 (4) Host monthly trade missions from international
19 companies, introducing these influential travelers to key
20 leaders at Illinois businesses for the expressed purpose of
21 building partnerships with suppliers and customers.

22 (5) Manage trips to other states and foreign countries
23 for Illinois business leaders to give them and their

1 respective companies exposure to new and expanding
2 markets.

3 (6) Manage meetings with prospective partners to
4 discuss products, markets, pricing, and other elements of
5 the transaction.

6 (7) Attract international participation in high
7 profile Illinois projects.

8 (8) Make recommendations to the Governor and the
9 members of the General Assembly concerning the role the
10 State performs in international business development.

11 (9) Assist Illinois businesses to engage in, expand,
12 and increase foreign trade.

13 (10) Establish or co-sponsor mentoring conferences,
14 using experienced manufacturing exporters, to explain and
15 provide information to prospective export manufacturers
16 and businesses concerning the process of exporting to both
17 domestic and international opportunities.

18 (11) Provide technical assistance to prospective
19 export manufacturers and businesses seeking to establish
20 domestic and international export opportunities.

21 (12) Coordinate with the Department of Commerce and
22 Economic Opportunity's Small Business Development Centers
23 to link buyers with prospective export manufacturers and
24 businesses.

25 (13) Promote, both domestically and abroad, products
26 made in Illinois in order to inform consumers and buyers of

1 their high quality standards and craftsmanship.

2 (14) Develop an electronic data base to compile
3 information on international trade and investment
4 activities in Illinois companies, provide access to
5 research and business opportunities through external data
6 bases, and connect this data base through international
7 communication systems with appropriate domestic and
8 worldwide networks users.

9 (15) Collect and distribute to foreign commercial
10 libraries directories, catalogs, brochures, and other
11 information of value to foreign businesses considering
12 doing business in this State.

13 (16) Establish an export finance awareness program to
14 provide information to banking organizations about methods
15 used by banks to provide financing for businesses engaged
16 in exporting and about other State and federal programs to
17 promote and expedite export financing.

18 (17) Undertake a survey of Illinois' businesses to
19 identify exportable products and the businesses interested
20 in exporting.

21 (18) In cooperation with the Department of
22 Agriculture, (i) provide assistance to those manufacturing
23 and service companies that desire to export agricultural
24 machinery, implements, equipment, other manufactured
25 products, and professional services; (ii) encourage
26 Illinois companies to initiate exporting or increase their

1 export sales of agricultural and manufactured products;
2 (iii) cooperate with agencies and instrumentalities of the
3 federal government in trade development activities in
4 overseas markets; (iv) conduct the necessary research
5 within Illinois and in overseas markets in order to assist
6 exporting companies; (v) promote the State of Illinois as a
7 source of agricultural and manufactured products through
8 information and promotion campaigns overseas; and (vi)
9 conduct an information program for foreign buyers of
10 Illinois agricultural and manufactured products.

11 (19) In cooperation with the Department of
12 Agriculture, establish overseas offices for (i) the
13 promotion of the export of Illinois agricultural and
14 manufactured products; (ii) representation of Illinois
15 seaports; (iii) economic development; and (iv) tourism
16 promotion and services.

17 (20) Charge fees for and recover the costs of its
18 services.

19 (21) Participate in the authority and responsibility
20 of the State's international tourism programs,
21 initiatives, undertakings, and efforts. IGP and its board
22 may exercise their powers and shall perform their duties in
23 accordance with the fulfillment of IGP's responsibility
24 for international tourism.

25 (22) Assume from the Department of Agriculture on July
26 1, 2005, all contractual personnel, books, records,

1 papers, documents, property both real and personal, and
2 pending business in any way pertaining to the international
3 functions of the Bureau of Marketing; provided that on the
4 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 95th General
5 Assembly IGP shall return to the Department of Agriculture
6 everything so assumed and on and after that date this item
7 (22) shall be without effect and shall not be a power of
8 IGP.

9 (Source: P.A. 94-388, eff. 7-29-05.)

10 (20 ILCS 3948/50)

11 Sec. 50. Finances; audits; annual report.

12 (a) IGP may accept funds, grants, gifts, and services from
13 the government of the United States or its agencies, from this
14 State or its departments, agencies, or instrumentalities, from
15 any other governmental unit, and from private and civic sources
16 for the purpose of funding any projects authorized by this Act.
17 IGP may receive appropriations.

18 (b) Services of personnel, use of equipment and office
19 space, and other necessary services may be accepted from
20 members of the board as part of IGP's financial support.

21 (c) State funds appropriated for the operations and
22 functions of IGP for fiscal year 2011 and each fiscal year
23 thereafter should not exceed 60% of IGP's funding from all
24 sources for the fiscal year.

25 (d) The board shall arrange for the annual financial audit

1 of IGP by one or more independent certified public accountants
2 in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.
3 The annual audit results shall be included in the annual report
4 required under subsection (e).

5 (e) IGP shall report annually on its activities and
6 finances to the Governor and the members of the General
7 Assembly.

8 ~~(f) Payments by the IGP to the Department of Agriculture as~~
9 ~~reimbursement for employee costs as provided in Section 45 and~~
10 ~~for proportionate lease payments for office space for employees~~
11 ~~shall be deposited into the Agricultural Premium Fund.~~

12 (Source: P.A. 94-388, eff. 7-29-05; 94-839, eff. 6-6-06.)

13 (20 ILCS 3948/45 rep.)

14 (20 ILCS 3948/55 rep.)

15 Section 10. The Illinois Global Partnership Act is amended
16 by repealing Sections 45 and 55.