95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB4553

by Rep. Esther Golar

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Community Youth Employment Act. Provides that the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity shall administer a competitive grant program to provide 2,500 youths with stipends and supervision over a 6-week summer work period. Sets forth criteria for receiving grants under the Act. Provides a budget for the use of grant moneys awarded. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

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AN ACT concerning employment.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 3 represented in the General Assembly:

Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
Community Youth Employment Act.

The 6 Section 5. Program; eligibility. Department of 7 Economic Opportunity shall Commerce and administer а competitive grant program that will provide 2,500 youths with 8 9 stipends and supervision over a 6-week summer work period. The grants shall be awarded only to summer programs, of no more 10 11 than 30 youths, that:

12 (1) are created and administered by a community-based13 organization in Chicago;

14 (2) employ youths from low-income communities in15 Chicago between the ages of 14 and 17; and

16 (3) involve any one of the following:

- (A) job training;
- 18 (B) life skills;

19 (C) education counseling; or

20 (D) supervised work on community improvement21 projects.

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Section 10. Eligible costs. Grant money awarded under this

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1 Act shall be used as follows:

2 (1) a stipend of \$7.50 per hour for a maximum of 120
3 hours per participating youth, to be paid over a 6-week
4 period;

5 (2) to provide salary for a maximum of 180 hours for 6 one counselor for each summer program; and

7 (3) a 10% overhead, per summer program, to provide for
8 insurance and business necessities.

9 Section 15. Community-based organization responsibilities. 10 Any community-based organization receiving a grant under this 11 Act must provide services to the youths receiving stipends 12 under this Act. In providing the following services, the 13 community-based organization must expend, out of the 14 organization's budget, at least 50% of any amount awarded under 15 this Section. The services provided must include:

job assessment services;

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- 17 (2) recreation services;
- 18 (3) job placement services; or
- 19 (4) government-funded youth programs.

20 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon 21 becoming law.