

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 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Student Referendum All-American Energy Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions. In this Act:

7 "Energy-efficiency upgrade" means any improvement, repair,
8 alteration, or betterment of a building or facility, subject to
9 all applicable building codes, and any equipment, fixture, or
10 furnishing to be added to or used in the building or facility
11 that is designed to reduce energy consumption.

12 "President" means the President, Chancellor, or other lead
13 official of the public institution of higher education.

14 "Public institution of higher education" means an
15 institution that is included in the definition of "public
16 institutions of higher education" under the Board of Higher
17 Education Act.

18 "Renewable energy resources" means those resources
19 included in the definition of "renewable energy resources"
20 under Section 6-3 of the Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency
21 and Coal Resources Development Law of 1997. In addition,
22 "renewable energy resources" includes renewable energy
23 certificates issued with respect to renewable energy resources

1 located in this State. However, energy produced by methane
2 recovered from landfills in this State may be counted as a
3 renewable energy resource for up to, but no more than, 27.5% of
4 the amount of the total acquired renewable energy resources.

5 Section 10. Student-initiated referendum for an
6 All-American Energy Fee.

7 (a) The board of trustees of each public institution of
8 higher education, in consultation with the institution's
9 student government body, shall establish procedures providing
10 for a student-initiated referendum for the imposition of fees
11 relating to energy-efficiency upgrades or renewable energy
12 resources on one or more of the institution's campuses.

13 (b) Students at a public institution of higher education
14 may, by a majority vote of the students participating in the
15 referendum, authorize the imposition of an All-American Energy
16 Fee on students.

17 (c) The President shall establish reasonable procedures
18 for the submission of a referendum for an All-American Energy
19 Fee, the scheduling of the referendum, and the collection of
20 the fee.

21 (d) An All-American Energy Fee referendum petition shall
22 clearly identify the amount of the fee per student being
23 authorized by the referendum.

24 (e) The moneys collected from the imposition of fees from
25 the student-initiated referendum relating to energy-efficiency

1 upgrades or renewable energy resources must not be dispensed by
2 the board of trustees of the public institution of higher
3 education without prior consultation with the institution's
4 student governing body.

5 Section 15. Report. The Board of Higher Education shall
6 report to the Governor and General Assembly no later than 2
7 years following the effective date of this Act. The report
8 shall include, at a minimum, (i) identification of each public
9 institution of higher education that has approved an
10 All-American Energy Fee, (ii) the amount of money raised by the
11 fee, per institution, and (iii) a description of the projects
12 funded by the fee, per institution.