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- AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 1906

 AMENDMENT NO. ______. Amend Senate Bill 1906 on page 1,

 line 5, by replacing "801-5 and 801-10" with "801-5, 801-10,

 and 825-65"; and

 on page 25, immediately below line 24, by inserting the following:

 "(20 ILCS 3501/825-65)
 - Sec. 825-65. Clean Coal and Energy Project Financing.

 (a) Findings and declaration of policy. It is hereby found and declared that Illinois has abundant coal resources and, in some areas of Illinois, the demand for power exceeds the generating capacity. Incentives to encourage the construction of coal-fired electric generating plants in Illinois to ensure power generating capacity into the future and to advance clean coal technology and the use of Illinois coal are in the best interests of all of the citizens of Illinois. The Authority is

- authorized to issue bonds to help finance Clean Coal and Energy projects pursuant to this Section.
 - (b) Definition. "Clean Coal and Energy projects" means new electric generating facilities or new gasification facilities, as defined in Section 605-332 of the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois, which may include mine-mouth power plants, projects that employ the use of clean coal technology, projects to provide scrubber technology for existing energy generating plants, or projects to provide electric transmission facilities or new gasification facilities.
 - (c) Creation of reserve funds. The Authority may establish and maintain one or more reserve funds to enhance bonds issued by the Authority for Clean Coal and Energy projects. There may be one or more accounts in these reserve funds in which there may be deposited:
 - (1) any proceeds of the bonds issued by the Authority required to be deposited therein by the terms of any contract between the Authority and its bondholders or any resolution of the Authority;
 - (2) any other moneys or funds of the Authority that it may determine to deposit therein from any other source; and
 - (3) any other moneys or funds made available to the Authority. Subject to the terms of any pledge to the owners of any bonds, moneys in any reserve fund may be held and applied to the payment of principal, premium, if any, and

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1 interest of such bonds.

- (d) Powers and duties. The Authority has the power:
- (1) To issue bonds in one or more series pursuant to one or more resolutions of the Authority for any Clean Coal and Energy projects authorized under this Section, within the authorization set forth in subsections (e) and (f).
- (2) To provide for the funding of any reserves or other funds or accounts deemed necessary by the Authority in connection with any bonds issued by the Authority.
- (3) To pledge any funds of the Authority or funds made available to the Authority that may be applied to such purpose as security for any bonds or any guarantees, letters of credit, insurance contracts or similar credit support or liquidity instruments securing the bonds.
- (4) To enter into agreements or contracts with third parties, whether public or private, including, without limitation, the United States of America, the State or any department or agency thereof, to obtain any appropriations, grants, loans or guarantees that are deemed necessary or desirable by the Authority. Any such guarantee, agreement or contract may contain terms and provisions necessary or desirable in connection with the program, subject to the requirements established by the Act.
- (5) To exercise such other powers as are necessary or incidental to the foregoing.

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(e) Clean Coal and Energy bond authorization and financing limits. In addition to any other bonds authorized to be issued under Sections 801-40(w), 825-60, 830-25 and 845-5, the Authority may have outstanding, at any time, bonds for the purpose enumerated in this Section 825-65 in an aggregate principal amount that shall not exceed \$2,700,000,000, of which no more than \$300,000,000 may be issued to finance transmission facilities, no more than \$500,000,000 may be issued to finance scrubbers at existing generating plants, no more than \$500,000,000 may be issued to finance alternative energy sources, including renewable energy projects, which may include, but is not limited to, storage technology for renewable energy such as lithium ion and other batteries, and no more than \$1,400,000,000 may be issued to finance new electric generating facilities or new gasification facilities, as defined in Section 605-332 of the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. An application for a loan financed from bond proceeds from a borrower or its affiliates for a Clean Coal and Energy project may not be approved by the Authority for an amount in excess of \$450,000,000 for any borrower or its affiliates. These bonds shall not constitute an indebtedness or obligation of the State of Illinois and it shall be plainly stated on the face of each bond that it does not constitute an indebtedness or obligation of the State of Illinois, but is payable solely from the revenues, income or other assets of the Authority

- pledged therefor. 1
- 2 (f) Additional Clean Coal and Energy bond authorization and
- financing limits. In addition to any other bonds authorized to 3
- 4 be issued under this Act, the Authority may issue bonds for the
- 5 purpose enumerated in this Section 825-65 in an aggregate
- principal amount that shall not exceed \$300,000,000. 6
- (Source: P.A. 95-470, eff. 8-27-07.)". 7