

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 Department of Commerce and Economic
5 Opportunity Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is
6 amended by changing Section 605-800 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 605/605-800) (was 20 ILCS 605/46.19a in part)

8 Sec. 605-800. Training grants for skills in critical
9 demand.

10 (a) Grants to provide training in fields affected by
11 critical demands for certain skills may be made as provided in
12 this Section.

13 (b) The Director may make grants to eligible employers or
14 to other eligible entities on behalf of employers as authorized
15 in subsection (c) to provide training for employees in fields
16 for which there are critical demands for certain skills. No
17 participating employee may be an unauthorized alien, as defined
18 in 8 U.S.C. 1324a.

19 (c) The Director may accept applications for training grant
20 funds and grant requests from: (i) entities sponsoring
21 multi-company eligible employee training projects as defined
22 in subsection (d), including business associations, strategic
23 business partnerships, institutions of secondary or higher

1 education, large manufacturers for supplier network companies,
2 federal Job Training Partnership Act administrative entities
3 or grant recipients, and labor organizations when those
4 projects will address common training needs identified by
5 participating companies; and (ii) individual employers that
6 are undertaking eligible employee training projects as defined
7 in subsection (d), including intermediaries and training
8 agents.

9 (d) The Director may make grants to eligible applicants as
10 defined in subsection (c) for employee training projects that
11 include, but need not be limited to, one or more of the
12 following:

13 (1) Training programs in response to new or changing
14 technology being introduced in the workplace.

15 (2) Job-linked training that offers special skills for
16 career advancement or that is preparatory for, and leads
17 directly to, jobs with definite career potential and
18 long-term job security.

19 (3) Training necessary to implement total quality
20 management or improvement or both management and
21 improvement systems within the workplace.

22 (4) Training related to new machinery or equipment.

23 (5) Training of employees of companies that are
24 expanding into new markets or expanding exports from
25 Illinois.

26 (6) Basic, remedial, or both basic and remedial

1 training of employees as a prerequisite for other
2 vocational or technical skills training or as a condition
3 for sustained employment.

4 (7) Self-employment training of the unemployed and
5 underemployed with comprehensive, competency-based
6 instructional programs and services, entrepreneurial
7 education and training initiatives for youth and adult
8 learners in cooperation with the Illinois Institute for
9 Entrepreneurial Education, training and education,
10 conferences, workshops, and best practice information for
11 local program operators of entrepreneurial education and
12 self-employment training programs.

13 (8) Other training activities or projects, or both
14 training activities and projects, related to the support,
15 development, or evaluation of job training programs,
16 activities, and delivery systems, including training needs
17 assessment and design.

18 (e) Grants shall be made on the terms and conditions that
19 the Department shall determine. No grant made under subsection
20 (d), however, shall exceed 50% of the direct costs of all
21 approved training programs provided by the employer or the
22 employer's training agent or other entity as defined in
23 subsection (c). Under this Section, allowable costs include,
24 but are not limited to:

25 (1) Administrative costs of tracking, documenting,
26 reporting, and processing training funds or project costs.

- 1 (2) Curriculum development.
- 2 (3) Wages and fringe benefits of employees.
- 3 (4) Training materials, including scrap product costs.
- 4 (5) Trainee travel expenses.
- 5 (6) Instructor costs, including wages, fringe
- 6 benefits, tuition, and travel expenses.
- 7 (7) Rent, purchase, or lease of training equipment.
- 8 (8) Other usual and customary training costs.
- 9 (f) ~~The Department may conduct~~ ~~Director will ensure that a~~
10 ~~minimum of one~~ on-site grant monitoring visits to ~~visit is~~
11 ~~conducted by the Department either during the course of the~~
12 ~~grant period or within 6 months following the end of the grant~~
13 ~~period. The Department shall~~ verify trainee employment dates
14 and wages and to ensure that the grantee's financial management
15 system is structured to provide for accurate, current, and
16 complete disclosure of the financial results of the grant
17 program in accordance with all provisions, terms, and
18 conditions contained in the grant contract. Each applicant
19 must, on request by the Department, provide to the Department a
20 notarized certification signed and dated by a duly authorized
21 representative of the applicant, or that representative's
22 authorized designee, certifying that all participating
23 employees are employed at an Illinois facility and, for each
24 participating employee, stating the employee's name and
25 providing either (i) the employee's social security number or
26 (ii) a statement that the applicant has adequate written

1 verification that the employee is employed at an Illinois
2 facility. The Department may audit the accuracy of submissions.
3 Applicants sponsoring multi-company training grant programs
4 shall obtain information meeting the requirement of this
5 subsection from each participating company and provide it to
6 the Department upon request.

7 (g) The Director may establish and collect a schedule of
8 charges from subgrantee entities and other system users under
9 federal job-training programs for participating in and
10 utilizing the Department's automated job-training program
11 information systems if the systems and the necessary
12 participation and utilization are requirements of the federal
13 job-training programs. All monies collected pursuant to this
14 subsection shall be deposited into the Title III Social
15 Security and Employment Fund, except that any moneys that may
16 be necessary to pay liabilities outstanding as of June 30, 2000
17 shall be deposited into the Federal Job-Training Information
18 Systems Revolving Fund.

19 (Source: P.A. 90-454, eff. 8-16-97; 91-239, eff. 1-1-00;
20 91-476, eff. 8-11-99; 91-704, eff. 7-1-00.)

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