

1 AN ACT relating to aerospace competitiveness.

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 Aerospace Competitiveness Act.

6 Section 5. Illinois Council on Aerospace.

7 (a) The Illinois Council on Aerospace is created within the
8 Office of the Governor. The purpose of the Council is to
9 emulate national and international best practices that will:

10 (1) improve coordination and responsiveness of the
11 State's aerospace training, education, research, and
12 development programs to meet industry needs;

13 (2) enhance the State's economic climate for the
14 industry; and

15 (3) ensure that Illinois remains the best place in the
16 world to design and manufacture aircraft and grow jobs in
17 the aerospace industry.

18 (b) The Council shall be composed of 14 members
19 representing the public and private sectors, as follows:

20 (1) The 10 public sector members of the Council are:
21 (i) the Director of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, or
22 his or her designee, who shall be the Chair; (ii) the
23 executive director of the Board of Higher Education, or his

1 or her designee; (iii) the director of the Illinois
2 Community College Board, or his or her designee; (iv) the
3 president of the University of Illinois, or his or her
4 designee; (v) the president of Southern Illinois
5 University, or his or her designee; (vi) one member of the
6 General Assembly appointed by each of the following: the
7 Speaker of the House, the House Minority Leader, the
8 President of the Senate, and the Senate Minority Leader;
9 and (vii) the Director of the Division of Aeronautics of
10 the Illinois Department of Transportation.

11 (2) The Governor shall appoint each of the following 4
12 members to 4-year terms as private sector representatives
13 on the Council: (i) one member representing a labor
14 organization of aerospace machinists; (ii) one member
15 representing a labor organization of aerospace engineers;
16 (iii) one member representing the State's largest
17 aerospace manufacturer; and (iv) one member representing
18 aerospace employers.

19 Section 10. Council; responsibilities.

20 (a) The Council shall:

21 (1) Provide counsel and advice to the Governor and the
22 General Assembly on public policies that will strengthen
23 the aerospace industry and support its job growth in
24 Illinois.

25 (2) Take joint action to integrate training and

1 education with research and development.

2 (b) With the oversight and guidance of the Council as a
3 whole, its public sector members are charged with the following
4 lead responsibilities, respectively:

5 (1) The Director of the Illinois Community College
6 Board must ensure coordination of all aerospace training
7 and apprenticeship programs under its authority.

8 (2) The executive director of the Board of Higher
9 Education must ensure that all degree programs of interest
10 to the aerospace industry are provided by and coordinated
11 among the State's 4-year institutions of higher education.

12 (3) The presidents of the University of Illinois and
13 Southern Illinois University must coordinate all
14 aerospace-related research and development activities
15 available through their institutions and ensure that these
16 activities are responsive to the industry's needs.

17 (4) The Director of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
18 must carry out the State's activities to retain, attract,
19 and grow aerospace companies and jobs.

20 (c) The Council may consult, as necessary, with the
21 Director of Employment Security and the State Superintendent of
22 Education to assist in the development of policies to carry out
23 the purposes of this Act.

24 (d) The Council shall meet with the Governor at least twice
25 annually.

26 (e) Staffing for the Council shall be provided by the

1 Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

2 (f) Beginning on January 1, 2012, and annually thereafter,
3 the Council shall report to the Governor and the General
4 Assembly on the state of the State's aerospace industry and the
5 activities and accomplishments of the Council in the previous
6 calendar year.

7 Section 15. Council; funding.

8 (a) The Council or the organizations represented by its
9 members shall apply for and may receive public and private
10 grants and donations for training, education, research,
11 development, and other activities relevant to the Council's
12 responsibilities under this Act. State and non-State moneys
13 received by the Council for these purposes must be deposited
14 into the Illinois Aerospace Council Fund, a special fund in the
15 State treasury.

16 (b) For fiscal years 2012 through 2014, increased training,
17 education, research, or development activities approved by the
18 Council shall be supported by federal Workforce Investment Act
19 funds or other discretionary funds administered by the
20 Governor. These funds may be invested independently to support
21 these activities or may be used as match to leverage additional
22 investments.

23 Section 20. Illinois Aerospace Council Fund. The Illinois
24 Aerospace Council Fund is created as a special fund in the

1 State treasury. Only the Governor or the Chair of the Council
2 may authorize expenditures from the Fund. Expenditures from the
3 Fund may be made only for purposes of this Act. Administrative
4 expenses of the Council, including staff support, may be paid
5 from the Fund. Revenues to the Fund consist of moneys received
6 from grants and donations, funds administered under the
7 Governor's discretion that are deposited into the Fund, and
8 moneys received pursuant to appropriations.

9 Section 95. The State Finance Act is amended by adding
10 Section 5.786 as follows:

11 (30 ILCS 105/5.786 new)

12 Sec. 5.786. The Illinois Aerospace Council Fund.