

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 adding Section 605-1010 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 605/605-1010 new)

8 Sec. 605-1010. Illinois Research Network.

9 (a) There is created the Illinois Research Network. The  
10 Illinois Research Network is intended to: provide broad and  
11 rapid access to information about research capabilities and  
12 scholarly interests; encourage the use of existing Illinois  
13 faculty and federal research laboratory resources to address  
14 local, State, and national needs; link the Illinois academic  
15 and research laboratory communities into the technology and the  
16 economic development efforts of the executive branch of State  
17 government and other State and local agencies; enhance  
18 communication and cooperation within the Illinois academic and  
19 research laboratory communities and between these communities  
20 and statewide audiences, particularly business, government,  
21 education, and the general public; and link the Illinois  
22 academic and federal research lab communities into the Illinois  
23 small and large business market.

1       (b) Subject to appropriation, the Department shall cause to  
2 be established an easily accessible online database for the  
3 purpose of compiling research expertise, intellectual  
4 property, and ongoing sponsored research projects at academic  
5 institutions across the State. The Department may make grants  
6 to Illinois university faculty to create, develop, and  
7 implement the database. The database shall be updated by  
8 university faculty and department heads with current  
9 information, including biographical information, faculty  
10 research areas, project data, grant information, available  
11 technologies, and links to publications.