



97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 605/605-215

Amends the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Changes the name of the Interagency Military Base Support and Economic Development Committee to the Military Base Support and Economic Development Committee. Changes the Committee's composition. Authorizes public member appointee term durations and term limits to be set by the Chair of the Committee. Requires the Committee to provide its recommendations to various State agencies instead of the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. Removes a provision that requires the Committee to cooperate with the Department in order to keep the Governor and General Assembly informed concerning the progress of military base retention, realignment, reuse, and economic development efforts in the State.

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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 605-215 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 605/605-215)

8 Sec. 605-215. ~~Interagency~~ Military Base Support and
9 Economic Development Committee.

10 (a) To coordinate the State's activities on and to act as a
11 communications center for issues relating to current and former
12 military bases in the State, the ~~Interagency~~ Military Base
13 Support and Economic Development Committee is created as an
14 entity within the Department.

15 (b) The Committee shall be composed of the following 7 ex
16 officio members or their designees: the Lieutenant Governor,
17 the Director of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, the
18 Secretary of Transportation, the Director of Natural
19 Resources, the Director of the Environmental Protection
20 Agency, the Director of Revenue, and the Adjutant General of
21 the Department of Military Affairs. In addition, 4 members of
22 the General Assembly shall be appointed, one each appointed by
23 the President of the Senate, the Senate Minority Leader, the

1 Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Minority
2 Leader of the House of Representatives. The chair and
3 vice-chair of the committee, in consultation with the full
4 Committee, may ~~shall~~ appoint no more than 8 public members to
5 serve as representatives ~~from the counties, or adjoining~~
6 ~~counties,~~ of (i) a current military base sites, (ii) or former
7 military base sites, or (iii) former military base sites that
8 closed after December 31, 1992, located in one of the following
9 counties: Carroll, Cass, Champaign, Christian, Clinton, Cook,
10 Douglas, DuPage, Edgar, Ford, Fulton, Grundy, Henry, Jo
11 Daviess, Kane, Kankakee, Kendall, Knox, Lake, Logan, Macon,
12 Macoupin, Madison, Marshall, Mason, McHenry, McLean, Menard,
13 Mercer, Monroe, Montgomery, Morgan, Ogle, Peoria, Piatt,
14 Randolph, Rock Island, Sangamon, St. Clair, Stark, Stephenson,
15 Tazewell, Vermilion, Washington, Whiteside, Will, and
16 Woodford. Public member appointee term durations and term
17 limits may be set by the chair. ~~site as necessary to carry out~~
18 ~~the work of the Commission.~~

19 (c) The Lieutenant Governor shall serve as chair of the
20 Committee, and the Director of Commerce and Economic
21 Opportunity shall serve as vice-chair and shall oversee the
22 administration of the Committee and its functions. Expenses
23 necessary to carry out the function of the Committee shall be
24 shared among the agencies represented on the Committee pursuant
25 to an interagency agreement and from funds appropriated for
26 this purpose or from existing funds within the budgets of those

1 agencies. General Assembly appointees shall serve for the
2 duration of the General Assembly in which the appointee is
3 appointed, but the appointee's term shall expire if the
4 appointee no longer remains a member of that General Assembly.
5 The Committee shall meet not less than quarterly.

6 (d) Each member of the Committee must request reimbursement
7 from his or her individual agency for actual and necessary
8 expenses incurred while performing his or her duties as a
9 member of the Committee. Public members shall be reimbursed
10 from funds appropriated to the Department for that purpose.

11 (e) The Committee shall provide advice and recommendations
12 to the applicable State agencies ~~Department~~ on the following:

13 (1) The formation of a strategic plan for State and
14 local military base retention, realignment, and reuse
15 efforts.

16 (2) The issues impacting current and former military
17 bases in the State, including infrastructure requirements,
18 environmental impact issues, military force structure
19 possibilities, tax implications, property considerations,
20 and other issues requiring State agency coordination and
21 support.

22 (3) The status of community involvement and
23 participation in retention, realignment, and reuse efforts
24 and the community support for economic development before
25 and after a military base closing.

26 (4) The State's retention, realignment, and reuse

1 advocacy efforts on the federal level.

2 (5) The development of impact studies concerning the
3 closing of a base on the community, housing, the economy,
4 schools, and other public and private entities, including
5 additional economic development ideas to minimize the
6 impact in the event of the base closing.

7 (6) The development of future economic expansion plans
8 for areas that are subject to closure or realignment.

9 (f) The Committee, ~~in cooperation with the Department,~~
10 shall keep the Governor and General Assembly informed
11 concerning the progress of military base retention,
12 realignment, reuse, and economic development efforts in the
13 State.

14 (g) The Committee shall serve as the central information
15 clearinghouse for all military base reuse, retention, and
16 realignment activities. This shall include: (i) serving as a
17 liaison between the State and community organizations that
18 support the long-term viability of military bases; (ii)
19 communicating with the State's congressional delegation; and
20 (iii) generally coordinating with the public, governmental
21 bodies, and officials in communicating about the future of
22 military bases in the State.

23 (Source: P.A. 94-674, eff. 8-23-05.)