

# HB2854



## 98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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HB2854

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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 605/605-338 new

Amends the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Requires the Department to establish a lifelong learning program to allow employees, with the support of their employers, to create educational savings accounts that may be used to fund approved education and training.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

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 605-338 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 605/605-338 new)

8 Sec. 605-338. Lifelong learning program.

9 (a) The Department shall establish a lifelong learning  
10 program to allow employees, with the support of their  
11 employers, to create educational savings accounts that may be  
12 used to fund approved education and training. The Department  
13 may partner with financial institutions and other public,  
14 private, and nonprofit organizations in order to enable  
15 employees use the educational savings accounts to attain  
16 high-skilled and high-wage jobs in their communities.

17 (b) The educational savings accounts shall be established  
18 by employees and employers to support the education and  
19 training of employees in a manner that is aligned with the  
20 employee's approved career development plan.

21 (c) The Department may adopt rules to implement this  
22 Section.

23 (d) As used in this Section:

1       "Approved education and training" means education,  
2       training, and associated costs aligned with an approved career  
3       development plan.

4       "Approved career development plan" means an employee's  
5       career development plan that is approved by the Department and  
6       contains the necessary information to determine if  
7       expenditures are in alignment with the program criteria.