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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 3829

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 3829 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

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 605-300 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 605/605-300) (was 20 ILCS 605/46.2)

8 Sec. 605-300. Economic and business development plans;  
9 Illinois Business Development Council.

10 (a) Economic development plans. The Department shall  
11 develop a strategic economic development plan for the State by  
12 July 1, 2014. By no later than July 1, 2015, and by July 1  
13 annually thereafter, the Department shall make modifications  
14 to the plan as modifications are warranted by changes in  
15 economic conditions or by other factors, including changes in  
16 policy. In addition to the annual modification, the plan shall

1 be reviewed and redeveloped in full every 5 years. In the  
2 development of the annual economic development plan, the  
3 Department shall consult with representatives of the private  
4 sector, other State agencies, academic institutions, local  
5 economic development organizations, local governments, and  
6 not-for-profit organizations. The annual economic development  
7 plan shall set specific, measurable, attainable, relevant, and  
8 time-sensitive goals and shall include a focus on areas of high  
9 unemployment or poverty.

10 The term "economic development" shall be construed broadly  
11 by the Department and may include, but is not limited to, job  
12 creation, job retention, tax base enhancements, development of  
13 human capital, workforce productivity, critical  
14 infrastructure, regional competitiveness, social inclusion,  
15 standard of living, environmental sustainability, energy  
16 independence, quality of life, the effective use of financial  
17 incentives, the utilization of public private partnerships  
18 where appropriate, and other metrics determined by the  
19 Department.

20 The plan shall be based on relevant economic data, focus on  
21 economic development as prescribed by this Section, and  
22 emphasize strategies to retain and create jobs.

23 The plan shall identify and develop specific strategies for  
24 utilizing the assets of regions within the State defined as  
25 counties and municipalities or other political subdivisions in  
26 close geographical proximity that share common economic traits

1 such as commuting zones, labor market areas, or other  
2 economically integrated characteristics.

3 If the plan includes strategies that have a fiscal impact  
4 on the Department or any other agency, the plan shall include a  
5 detailed description of the estimated fiscal impact of such  
6 strategies.

7 Prior to publishing the plan in its final form, the  
8 Department shall allow for a reasonable time for public input.

9 The Department shall transmit copies of the economic  
10 development plan to the Governor and the General Assembly no  
11 later than July 1, 2014, and by July 1 annually thereafter. The  
12 plan and its corresponding modifications shall be published and  
13 made available to the public in both paper and electronic  
14 media, on the Department's website, and by any other method  
15 that the Department deems appropriate.

16 The Department shall annually submit legislation to  
17 implement the strategic economic development plan or  
18 modifications to the strategic economic development plan to the  
19 Governor, the President and Minority Leader of the Senate, and  
20 the Speaker and the Minority Leader of the House of  
21 Representatives. The legislation shall be in the form of one or  
22 more substantive bills drafted by the Legislative Reference  
23 Bureau.

24 (b) Business development plans; Illinois Business  
25 Development Council.

26 (1) There is created the Illinois Business Development

1 Council, hereinafter referred to as the Council. The  
2 Council shall consist of the Director, who shall serve as  
3 co-chairperson, and 12 voting members who shall be  
4 appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of  
5 the Senate.

6 (A) The voting members of the Council shall include  
7 one representative from each of the following  
8 businesses and groups: small business, coal,  
9 healthcare, large manufacturing, small or specialized  
10 manufacturing, agriculture, high technology or applied  
11 science, local economic development entities, private  
12 sector organized labor, a local or state business  
13 association or chamber of commerce.

14 (B) There shall be 2 at-large voting members who  
15 reside within areas of high unemployment within  
16 counties or municipalities that have had an annual  
17 average unemployment rate of at least 120% of the  
18 State's annual average unemployment rate as reported  
19 by the Department of Employment Security for the 5  
20 years preceding the date of appointment.

21 (2) All appointments shall be made in a geographically  
22 diverse manner.

23 (3) For the initial appointments to the Council, 6  
24 voting members shall be appointed to serve a 2-year term  
25 and 6 voting members shall be appointed to serve a 4-year  
26 term. Thereafter, all appointments shall be for terms of 4

1 years. The initial term of voting members shall commence on  
2 the first Wednesday in February 2014. Thereafter, the terms  
3 of voting members shall commence on the first Wednesday in  
4 February, except in the case of an appointment to fill a  
5 vacancy. Vacancies occurring among the members shall be  
6 filled in the same manner as the original appointment for  
7 the remainder of the unexpired term. For a vacancy  
8 occurring when the Senate is not in session, the Governor  
9 may make a temporary appointment until the next meeting of  
10 the Senate when a person shall be nominated to fill the  
11 office, and, upon confirmation by the Senate, he or she  
12 shall hold office during the remainder of the term. A  
13 vacancy in membership does not impair the ability of a  
14 quorum to exercise all rights and perform all duties of the  
15 Council. A member is eligible for reappointment.

16 (4) Members shall serve without compensation, but may  
17 be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the  
18 performance of their duties from funds appropriated for  
19 that purpose.

20 (5) In addition, the following shall serve as ex  
21 officio, non-voting members of the Council in order to  
22 provide specialized advice and support to the Council: the  
23 Secretary of Transportation, or his or her designee; the  
24 Director of Employment Security, or his or her designee;  
25 the Executive Director of the Illinois Finance Authority,  
26 or his or her designee; the Director of Agriculture, or his

1 or her designee; the Director of Revenue, or his or her  
2 designee; the Director of Labor, or his or her designee;  
3 and the Director of the Environmental Protection Agency, or  
4 his or her designee. Ex officio ~~Ex-officio~~ members shall  
5 provide staff and technical assistance to the Council when  
6 appropriate.

7 (6) In addition to the Director, the voting members  
8 shall elect a co-chairperson.

9 (7) The Council shall meet at least twice annually and  
10 at such other times as the co-chairpersons or any 5 voting  
11 members consider necessary. Seven voting members shall  
12 constitute a quorum of the Council.

13 (8) The Department shall provide staff assistance to  
14 the Council.

15 (9) The Council shall provide the Department relevant  
16 information in a timely manner pursuant to its duties as  
17 enumerated in this Section that can be used by the  
18 Department to enhance the State's strategic economic  
19 development plan.

20 (10) The Council shall:

21 (A) Develop an overall strategic business  
22 development plan for the State of Illinois and update  
23 the plan at least annually; that plan shall include,  
24 without limitation, (i) an assessment of the economic  
25 development practices of states that border Illinois  
26 and (ii) recommendations for best practices with

1           respect to economic development, business incentives,  
2           business attraction, and business retention for  
3           counties in Illinois that border at least one other  
4           state.

5           (B) Develop business marketing plans for the State  
6           of Illinois to effectively solicit new company  
7           investment and existing business expansion. Insofar as  
8           allowed under the Illinois Procurement Code, and  
9           subject to appropriations made by the General Assembly  
10          for such purposes, the Council may assist the  
11          Department in the procurement of outside vendors to  
12          carry out such marketing plans.

13          (C) Seek input from local economic development  
14          officials to develop specific strategies to  
15          effectively link State and local business development  
16          and marketing efforts focusing on areas of high  
17          unemployment or poverty.

18          (D) Provide the Department with advice on  
19          strategic business development and business marketing  
20          for the State of Illinois.

21          (E) Provide the Department research and recommend  
22          best practices for developing investment tools for  
23          business attraction and retention.

24          (Source: P.A. 98-397, eff. 8-16-13; revised 10-8-13.)

25          Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon

1 becoming law.".