

1 AN ACT concerning government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Grant Funds Recovery Act is amended
5 by adding Section 4.3 as follows:

6 (30 ILCS 705/4.3 new)

7 Sec. 4.3. Prohibition on use of grant funds for prohibited
8 political activities.

9 (a) For the purposes of this Section, "prohibited political
10 activity" has the meaning established in Section 1-5 of the
11 State Officials and Employees Ethics Act.

12 (b) Grantees and employees of grantees shall not knowingly
13 use grant funds, or goods or services purchased with grant
14 funds, to engage, either directly or indirectly, in a
15 prohibited political activity.

16 (c) Grantees and employees of grantees shall not be
17 knowingly compensated from grant funds for time spent engaging
18 in a prohibited political activity.

19 (d) Nothing in this Section shall prohibit any 501(c)(3) or
20 501(c)(4) organization receiving a grant from the State from
21 engaging in any federally permissible activity regarding
22 advocacy, indirect and direct lobbying, and political
23 activity, provided that the specific funds acquired by a grant

1 from the State shall not be knowingly used for those activities
2 that are permitted by federal law but prohibited by this
3 Section.

4 (e) A grantee who knowingly violates this Section is guilty
5 of a business offense and is subject to a fine of up to \$5,000.