

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 605-300 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
17 be reviewed and redeveloped in full every 5 years. In the
18 development of the annual economic development plan, the
19 Department shall consult with representatives of the private
20 sector, other State agencies, academic institutions, local
21 economic development organizations, local governments, and
22 not-for-profit organizations. The annual economic development
23 plan shall set specific, measurable, attainable, relevant, and

1 time-sensitive goals and shall include a focus on areas of high
2 unemployment or poverty.

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

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

16 The plan shall identify and develop specific strategies for
17 utilizing the assets of regions within the State defined as
18 counties and municipalities or other political subdivisions in
19 close geographical proximity that share common economic traits
20 such as commuting zones, labor market areas, or other
21 economically integrated characteristics.

22 If the plan includes strategies that have a fiscal impact
23 on the Department or any other agency, the plan shall include a
24 detailed description of the estimated fiscal impact of such
25 strategies.

26 Prior to publishing the plan in its final form, the

1 Department shall allow for a reasonable time for public input.

2 The Department shall transmit copies of the economic
3 development plan to the Governor and the General Assembly no
4 later than July 1, 2014, and by July 1 annually thereafter. The
5 plan and its corresponding modifications shall be published and
6 made available to the public in both paper and electronic
7 media, on the Department's website, and by any other method
8 that the Department deems appropriate.

9 The Department shall annually submit legislation to
10 implement the strategic economic development plan or
11 modifications to the strategic economic development plan to the
12 Governor, the President and Minority Leader of the Senate, and
13 the Speaker and the Minority Leader of the House of
14 Representatives. The legislation shall be in the form of one or
15 more substantive bills drafted by the Legislative Reference
16 Bureau.

17 (b) Business development plans; Illinois Business
18 Development Council.

19 (1) There is created the Illinois Business Development
20 Council, hereinafter referred to as the Council. The
21 Council shall consist of the Director, who shall serve as
22 co-chairperson, and 12 voting members who shall be
23 appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of
24 the Senate.

25 (A) The voting members of the Council shall include
26 one representative from each of the following

1 businesses and groups: small business, coal,
2 healthcare, large manufacturing, small or specialized
3 manufacturing, agriculture, high technology or applied
4 science, local economic development entities, private
5 sector organized labor, a local or state business
6 association or chamber of commerce.

7 (B) There shall be 2 at-large voting members who
8 reside within areas of high unemployment within
9 counties or municipalities that have had an annual
10 average unemployment rate of at least 120% of the
11 State's annual average unemployment rate as reported
12 by the Department of Employment Security for the 5
13 years preceding the date of appointment.

14 (2) All appointments shall be made in a geographically
15 diverse manner.

16 (3) For the initial appointments to the Council, 6
17 voting members shall be appointed to serve a 2-year term
18 and 6 voting members shall be appointed to serve a 4-year
19 term. Thereafter, all appointments shall be for terms of 4
20 years. The initial term of voting members shall commence on
21 the first Wednesday in February 2014. Thereafter, the terms
22 of voting members shall commence on the first Wednesday in
23 February, except in the case of an appointment to fill a
24 vacancy. Vacancies occurring among the members shall be
25 filled in the same manner as the original appointment for
26 the remainder of the unexpired term. For a vacancy

1 occurring when the Senate is not in session, the Governor
2 may make a temporary appointment until the next meeting of
3 the Senate when a person shall be nominated to fill the
4 office, and, upon confirmation by the Senate, he or she
5 shall hold office during the remainder of the term. A
6 vacancy in membership does not impair the ability of a
7 quorum to exercise all rights and perform all duties of the
8 Council. A member is eligible for reappointment.

9 (4) Members shall serve without compensation, but may
10 be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the
11 performance of their duties from funds appropriated for
12 that purpose.

13 (5) In addition, the following shall serve as ex
14 officio, non-voting members of the Council in order to
15 provide specialized advice and support to the Council: the
16 Secretary of Transportation, or his or her designee; the
17 Director of Employment Security, or his or her designee;
18 the Executive Director of the Illinois Finance Authority,
19 or his or her designee; the Director of Agriculture, or his
20 or her designee; the Director of Revenue, or his or her
21 designee; the Director of Labor, or his or her designee;
22 and the Director of the Environmental Protection Agency, or
23 his or her designee. Ex officio ~~Ex-officio~~ members shall
24 provide staff and technical assistance to the Council when
25 appropriate.

26 (6) In addition to the Director, the voting members

1 shall elect a co-chairperson.

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

6 (8) The Department shall provide staff assistance to
7 the Council.

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

13 (10) The Council shall:

14 (A) Develop an overall strategic business
15 development plan for the State of Illinois and update
16 the plan at least annually; that plan shall include,
17 without limitation, (i) an assessment of the economic
18 development practices of states that border Illinois
19 and (ii) recommendations for best practices with
20 respect to economic development, business incentives,
21 business attraction, and business retention for
22 counties in Illinois that border at least one other
23 state.

24 (B) Develop business marketing plans for the State
25 of Illinois to effectively solicit new company
26 investment and existing business expansion. Insofar as

1 allowed under the Illinois Procurement Code, and
2 subject to appropriations made by the General Assembly
3 for such purposes, the Council may assist the
4 Department in the procurement of outside vendors to
5 carry out such marketing plans.

6 (C) Seek input from local economic development
7 officials to develop specific strategies to
8 effectively link State and local business development
9 and marketing efforts focusing on areas of high
10 unemployment or poverty.

11 (D) Provide the Department with advice on
12 strategic business development and business marketing
13 for the State of Illinois.

14 (E) Provide the Department research and recommend
15 best practices for developing investment tools for
16 business attraction and retention.

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

18 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
19 becoming law.