

## 99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## State of Illinois

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#### HB6277

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### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 605/605-111.5 new 20 ILCS 605/605-215

Amends the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois (Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Law). Provides for the transfer of control over the Interagency Military Base Support and Economic Development Committee from the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to the Office of the Lieutenant Governor. Makes conforming changes.

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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 and by adding Section 7 605-111.5 as follows:

8 (20 ILCS 605/605-111.5 new)

9 Sec. 605-111.5. Transfer relating to the Interagency Military Base Support and Economic Development Committee. To 10 assume the rights, powers, duties, and responsibilities of the 11 12 Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. Personnel, 13 books, records, property, and funds pertaining to the 14 Interagency Military Base Support and Economic Development Committee are transferred to the Office of the Lieutenant 15 16 Governor, but any rights of employees or the State under the 17 Personnel Code or any other contract or plan shall be unaffected by this transfer. 18

19 (20 ILCS 605/605-215)

20 Sec. 605-215. Interagency Military Base Support and 21 Economic Development Committee.

22 (a) To coordinate the State's activities on and to act as a

communications center for issues relating to current and former
 military bases in the State, the Interagency Military Base
 Support and Economic Development Committee is created as an
 entity within the <u>Office of the Lieutenant Governor</u> <del>Department</del>.

5 (b) The Committee shall be composed of the following 7 ex officio members or their designees: the Lieutenant Governor, 6 7 the Director of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, the 8 Secretary of Transportation, the Director of Natural 9 Resources, the Director of the Environmental Protection 10 Agency, the Director of Revenue, and the Adjutant General of 11 the Department of Military Affairs. In addition, 4 members of 12 the General Assembly shall be appointed, one each appointed by 13 the President of the Senate, the Senate Minority Leader, the 14 Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Minority 15 Leader of the House of Representatives. The chair and 16 vice-chair of the Committee committee, in consultation with the 17 full Committee, shall appoint 8 public members to serve as representatives from the counties, or adjoining counties, of a 18 19 current or former military base site as necessary to carry out 20 the work of the Commission.

(c) The Lieutenant Governor shall serve as chair of the Committee, and the Director of Commerce and Economic Opportunity shall serve as vice-chair and shall oversee the administration of the Committee and its functions. Expenses necessary to carry out the function of the Committee shall be shared among the agencies represented on the Committee pursuant

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to an interagency agreement and from funds appropriated for this purpose or from existing funds within the budgets of those agencies. General Assembly appointees shall serve for the duration of the General Assembly in which the appointee is appointed, but the appointee's term shall expire if the appointee no longer remains a member of that General Assembly. The Committee shall meet not less than quarterly.

8 (d) Each member of the Committee must request reimbursement 9 from his or her individual agency for actual and necessary 10 expenses incurred while performing his or her duties as a 11 member of the Committee. Public members shall be reimbursed 12 from funds appropriated to the <u>Office of the Lieutenant</u> 13 <u>Governor Department</u> for that purpose.

14 (e) The Committee shall provide advice and recommendations 15 to the <u>Office of the Lieutenant Governor</u> <del>Department</del> on the 16 following:

17 (1) The formation of a strategic plan for State and
18 local military base retention, realignment, and reuse
19 efforts.

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

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(3) The status of community involvement and

participation in retention, realignment, and reuse efforts
 and the community support for economic development before
 and after a military base closing.

4 (4) The State's retention, realignment, and reuse 5 advocacy efforts on the federal level.

6 (5) The development of impact studies concerning the 7 closing of a base on the community, housing, the economy, 8 schools, and other public and private entities, including 9 additional economic development ideas to minimize the 10 impact in the event of the base closing.

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

(f) The Committee, in cooperation with the <u>Office of the</u> <u>Lieutenant Governor</u> <del>Department</del>, shall keep the Governor and General Assembly informed concerning the progress of military base retention, realignment, reuse, and economic development efforts in the State.

(q) The Committee shall serve as the central information 18 19 clearinghouse for all military base reuse, retention, and 20 realignment activities. This shall include: (i) serving as a liaison between the State and community organizations that 21 22 support the long-term viability of military bases; (ii) 23 communicating with the State's congressional delegation; and (iii) generally coordinating with the public, governmental 24 25 bodies, and officials in communicating about the future of 26 military bases in the State.

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