AN ACT concerning State government.

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

Section 5. The Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is amended by adding Section 605-417 as follows:

(20 ILCS 605/605-417 new)

Sec. 605-417. International standardization assistance program.

The Department may create a program for the assistance of Illinois manufacturers and other businesses to become accredited and reaccredited in approved international standardization organizations. This program is subject to appropriation and may provide for the collaboration of statewide manufacturing extension organizations and other providers of programs offering certification in international standardization organizations.

The Department may promulgate rules regarding all aspects of the program of assistance provided for in this Section.

For the purposes of this Section, an "international standardization organization" shall mean a recognized body that provides, for common and repeated use, rules, specifications, and criteria to be applied consistently in the classification of materials, in the manufacture and supply of products, in testing and analysis, in terminology, and in the provision of services and may include a reference framework or a common technological language between suppliers and their customers that facilitates trade and the transfer of technology.