

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 605-215 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 605/605-215)

8 Sec. 605-215. ~~Interagency Military Base Support and~~
9 Economic Development Committee.

10 (a) To coordinate the State's activities on and to act as a
11 communications center for issues relating to current and former
12 military bases in the State, the ~~Interagency Military Base~~
13 ~~Support and~~ Economic Development Committee is created as an
14 entity within the Office of the Lieutenant Governor:
15 ~~Department.~~

16 (1) To preserve, protect, expand, and attract new
17 military missions, assets, and installations to the State
18 of Illinois.

19 (2) To encourage defense related businesses to expand
20 or relocate to the State of Illinois.

21 (3) To identify emerging trends and support the
22 long-term viability of the military and defense industry in
23 Illinois.

1 (4) To assist Illinois communities who have been or
2 could be impacted by Federal Base Realignment and Closure
3 actions or other military realignments.

4 (5) To be an information clearinghouse by providing
5 military installation information and recommendations to
6 enhance the military value of Illinois defense
7 installations to the Governor, General Assembly,
8 congressional delegation, and State and Federal Government
9 officials.

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

1 Committee, shall also appoint up to 4 members having military
2 veteran or defense industry backgrounds from across the State
3 of Illinois. Additionally, the Adjutant General of the
4 Department of Military Affairs shall also appoint one member
5 who is a military veteran. Public member appointees and
6 military veteran or defense industry appointees shall serve
7 4-year terms; however, for the initial terms of those members,
8 half of them shall be appointed for terms of 2 years as the
9 Lieutenant Governor shall determine.

10 (c) The Lieutenant Governor shall serve as chair of the
11 Committee, and the Director of Commerce and Economic
12 Opportunity shall serve as a vice-chair and shall oversee the
13 administration of the Committee and its functions. The person
14 appointed by the Adjutant General of the Department of Military
15 Affairs shall also serve as a vice-chair of the Committee.
16 Expenses necessary to carry out the function of the Committee
17 shall be shared among the agencies represented on the Committee
18 pursuant to an interagency agreement and from funds
19 appropriated for this purpose or from existing funds within the
20 budgets of those agencies. General Assembly appointees shall
21 serve for the duration of the General Assembly in which the
22 appointee is appointed, but the appointee's term shall expire
23 if the appointee no longer remains a member of that General
24 Assembly. The Committee shall meet not less than quarterly. If
25 an excused absence from a committee meeting is requested by an
26 appointed member, such absence may be granted by the chair of

1 the Committee. Any appointed member of the Committee who has at
2 least 2 unexcused absences in a year shall no longer be a
3 member of the Committee, and his or her replacement shall be
4 appointed in the same manner as the member being replaced for
5 the remainder of that member's current term.

6 (d) Each member of the Committee must request reimbursement
7 from his or her individual agency for actual and necessary
8 expenses incurred while performing his or her duties as a
9 member of the Committee. Public members shall be reimbursed
10 from funds appropriated to the Department for that purpose.

11 (e) The Committee shall provide advice and recommendations
12 to the Department on the following:

13 (1) The formation of a strategic plan for State and
14 local military base retention, realignment, and reuse
15 efforts.

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

22 (3) The status of community involvement and
23 participation in retention, realignment, and reuse efforts
24 and the community support for economic development before
25 and after a military base closing.

26 (4) The State's retention, realignment, and reuse

1 advocacy efforts on the federal level.

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

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

9 (f) The Committee, in cooperation with the Department,
10 shall keep the Governor and General Assembly informed
11 concerning the progress of military base retention,
12 realignment, reuse, and economic development efforts in the
13 State.

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

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