

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
6 is amended by changing Sections 605-625 and 605-940 as
7 follows:

8 (20 ILCS 605/605-625) (was 20 ILCS 605/46.25)

9 Sec. 605-625. Promotion of water ports and airport
10 facilities. In cooperation with the Department of Agriculture
11 and the International Trade and Port Promotion Advisory
12 Committee, to (i) ~~establish a freight rate information service~~
13 ~~for U.S. and foreign shippers; (ii)~~ promote the advantages of
14 Illinois water ports and existing airport facilities through
15 appropriate means and media in this country and overseas; and
16 (ii) ~~(iii)~~ cooperate with the export expansion projects and
17 any other activity that results in the additional flow of
18 agricultural and manufactured products through the Illinois
19 water ports and existing airport facilities.

20 (Source: P.A. 91-239, eff. 1-1-00.)

21 (20 ILCS 605/605-940) (was 20 ILCS 605/46.37)

22 Sec. 605-940. Clearing house for local government

1 problems; aid with financial and administrative matters. The
2 Department shall provide for a central clearing house for
3 information concerning local government problems and various
4 solutions to those problems and shall assist and aid local
5 governments of the State in matters relating to budgets,
6 fiscal procedures, and administration. In performing this
7 responsibility the Department shall have the power and duty to
8 do the following:

9 (1) Maintain communication with all local governments
10 and assist them, at their request, to improve their
11 administrative procedures and to facilitate improved local
12 government and development.

13 (2) Assemble and disseminate information concerning
14 State and federal programs, grants, gifts, and subsidies
15 available to local governments and to provide counsel and
16 technical services and other assistance in applying for
17 those programs, grants, gifts, and subsidies.

18 (3) Assist in coordinating activities by obtaining
19 information, on forms provided by the Department or by
20 receipt of proposals and applications, concerning State
21 and federal assisted programs, grants, gifts, and
22 subsidies applied for and received by all local
23 governments.

24 (4) Provide direct consultative services to local
25 governments upon request and provide staff services to
26 special commissions, the Governor, or the General Assembly

1 or its committees.

2 (5) Render advice and assistance with respect to the
3 establishment and maintenance of programs for the training
4 of local government officials and other personnel.

5 (6) Act as the official State agency for the receipt
6 and distribution of federal funds that are or may be
7 provided to the State on a flat grant basis for
8 distribution to local governments or in the event federal
9 law requires a State agency to implement programs
10 affecting local governments and for State funds that are
11 or may be provided for the use of local governments unless
12 otherwise provided by law.

13 (7) Administer laws relating to local government
14 affairs as the General Assembly may direct.

15 (8) Provide all advice and assistance to improve local
16 government administration, ensure the economical and
17 efficient provision of local government services, and make
18 the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois effective.

19 (9) Give advice and counsel on fiscal problems of
20 local governments of the State to those local governments.

21 (10) (Blank). ~~Prepare uniform budgetary forms for use~~
22 ~~by the local governments of the State.~~

23 (11) (Blank). ~~Assist and advise the local governments~~
24 ~~of the State in matters pertaining to budgets,~~
25 ~~appropriation requests and ordinances, the determination~~
26 ~~of property tax levies and rates, and other matters of a~~

1 ~~financial nature.~~

2 (12) (Blank). ~~Be a repository for financial reports~~
3 ~~and statements required by law of local governments of the~~
4 ~~State, and publish financial summaries of those reports~~
5 ~~and statements.~~

6 (13) (Blank) .

7 (14) (Blank). ~~Prepare proposals and advise on the~~
8 ~~investment of idle local government funds.~~

9 (15) (Blank). ~~Administer the program of grants, loans,~~
10 ~~and loan guarantees under the federal Public Works and~~
11 ~~Economic Development Act of 1965, 42 U.S.C. 3121 and~~
12 ~~following, and receive and disburse State and federal~~
13 ~~funds provided for that program and moneys received as~~
14 ~~repayments of loans made under the program.~~

15 (16) (Blank). ~~After January 1, 1985, upon the request~~
16 ~~of local governments, prepare and provide model financial~~
17 ~~statement forms designed to communicate to taxpayers,~~
18 ~~service consumers, voters, government employees, and news~~
19 ~~media, in a non technical manner, all significant~~
20 ~~financial information regarding a particular local~~
21 ~~government, and to prepare and provide to local~~
22 ~~governments a summary of local governments' obligations~~
23 ~~concerning the adoption of an annual operating budget. The~~
24 ~~summary shall be set forth in a non technical manner and~~
25 ~~shall be designed principally for distribution to, and the~~
26 ~~use of, taxpayers, service consumers, voters, government~~

1 ~~employees, and news media.~~

2 (Source: P.A. 91-239, eff. 1-1-00; 91-583, eff. 1-1-00; 92-16,
3 eff. 6-28-01.)

4 (20 ILCS 630/Act rep.)

5 Section 10. The Illinois Emergency Employment Development
6 Act is repealed.

7 Section 15. The State Finance Act is amended by changing
8 Section 5.605 as follows:

9 (30 ILCS 105/5.605)

10 Sec. 5.605. The Good Samaritan Energy Trust Fund. This
11 Section is repealed on January 1, 2026.

12 (Source: P.A. 95-331, eff. 8-21-07.)

13 Section 20. The Eliminate the Digital Divide Law is
14 amended by changing Sections 5-5, 5-30, and 5-45 and by adding
15 Section 5-30.1 as follows:

16 (30 ILCS 780/5-5)

17 Sec. 5-5. Definitions; descriptions. As used in this
18 Article:

19 "Community-based organization" means a private
20 not-for-profit organization that is located in an Illinois
21 community and that provides services to citizens within that

1 community and the surrounding area.

2 "Covered population" means individuals who live in covered
3 households, including aging individuals, veterans, individuals
4 with disabilities, individuals with a language barrier
5 (including those who are English learners and have low levels
6 of literacy), members of racial or ethnic minority groups, and
7 individuals who primarily reside in a rural area. "Covered
8 population" also includes incarcerated individuals (other than
9 those incarcerated in a federal correctional facility),
10 including all justice-impacted and system-impacted
11 individuals.

12 "Digital navigator program" means a program in which
13 designated volunteers or staff of an organization offer
14 technical assistance to support broadband adoption, digital
15 skill building, and the use of devices.

16 "Senior citizen home" means an Illinois-based residential
17 facility for people who are over the age of 65. The term
18 "senior citizen home" includes, but is not limited to,
19 convalescent homes, long-term care facilities, assistive
20 living facilities, and nursing homes.

21 "Community technology centers" provide computer access and
22 educational services using information technology. Community
23 technology centers are diverse in the populations they serve
24 and programs they offer, but similar in that they provide
25 technology access to individuals, communities, and populations
26 that typically would not otherwise have places to use computer

1 and telecommunications technologies.

2 "Department" means the Department of Commerce and Economic
3 Opportunity.

4 "National school lunch program" means a program
5 administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and state
6 agencies that provides free or reduced price lunches to
7 economically disadvantaged children. A child whose family
8 income is between 130% and 185% of applicable family size
9 income levels contained in the nonfarm poverty guidelines
10 prescribed by the Office of Management and Budget is eligible
11 for a reduced price lunch. A child whose family income is 130%
12 or less of applicable family size income levels contained in
13 the nonfarm income poverty guidelines prescribed by the Office
14 of Management and Budget is eligible for a free lunch.

15 "Telecommunications services" provided by
16 telecommunications carriers include all commercially available
17 telecommunications services in addition to all reasonable
18 charges that are incurred by taking such services, such as
19 state and federal taxes.

20 "Other special services" provided by telecommunications
21 carriers include Internet access and installation and
22 maintenance of internal connections in addition to all
23 reasonable charges that are incurred by taking such services,
24 such as state and federal taxes.

25 (Source: P.A. 94-793, eff. 5-19-06; 95-740, eff. 1-1-09.)

1 (30 ILCS 780/5-30)

2 Sec. 5-30. Community Technology Center Grant Program.

3 (a) Subject to appropriation, the Department shall
4 administer the Community Technology Center Grant Program under
5 which the Department shall make grants in accordance with this
6 Article for planning, establishment, administration, and
7 expansion of Community Technology Centers and for assisting
8 public hospitals, libraries, and park districts in eliminating
9 the digital divide. The purposes of the grants shall include,
10 but not be limited to, volunteer recruitment and management,
11 training and instruction, infrastructure, and related goods
12 and services, including case management, administration,
13 personal information management, and outcome-tracking tools
14 and software for the purposes of reporting to the Department
15 and for enabling participation in digital government and
16 consumer services programs, for Community Technology Centers
17 and public hospitals, libraries, and park districts. No
18 Community Technology Center may receive a grant of more than
19 \$75,000 under this Section in a particular fiscal year.

20 (b) Public hospitals, libraries, park districts, and State
21 educational agencies, local educational agencies, institutions
22 of higher education, senior citizen homes, and other public
23 and private nonprofit or for-profit agencies and organizations
24 are eligible to receive grants under this Program, provided
25 that a local educational agency or public or private
26 educational agency or organization must, in order to be

1 eligible to receive grants under this Program, provide
2 computer access and educational services using information
3 technology to the public at one or more of its educational
4 buildings or facilities at least 12 hours each week. A group of
5 eligible entities is also eligible to receive a grant if the
6 group follows the procedures for group applications in 34 CFR
7 75.127-129 of the Education Department General Administrative
8 Regulations.

9 To be eligible to apply for a grant, a Community
10 Technology Center must serve a covered population or a
11 community in which not less than 40% of the students are
12 eligible for a free or reduced price lunch under the national
13 school lunch program or in which not less than 30% of the
14 students are eligible for a free lunch under the national
15 school lunch program; however, if funding is insufficient to
16 approve all grant applications for a particular fiscal year,
17 the Department may impose a higher minimum percentage
18 threshold for that fiscal year. Determinations of communities
19 and determinations of the percentage of students in a
20 community who are eligible for a free or reduced price lunch
21 under the national school lunch program shall be in accordance
22 with rules adopted by the Department.

23 Any entities that have received a Community Technology
24 Center grant under the federal Community Technology Centers
25 Program are also eligible to apply for grants under this
26 Program.

1 The Department shall provide assistance to Community
2 Technology Centers in making those determinations for purposes
3 of applying for grants.

4 The Department shall encourage Community Technology
5 Centers to participate in public and private computer hardware
6 equipment recycling initiatives that provide computers at
7 reduced or no cost to low-income families, including programs
8 authorized by the State Property Control Act. On an annual
9 basis, the Department must provide the Director of Central
10 Management Services with a list of Community Technology
11 Centers that have applied to the Department for funding as
12 potential recipients of surplus State-owned computer hardware
13 equipment under programs authorized by the State Property
14 Control Act.

15 (c) Grant applications shall be submitted to the
16 Department on a schedule of one or more deadlines established
17 by the Department by rule.

18 (d) The Department shall adopt rules setting forth the
19 required form and contents of grant applications.

20 (e) (Blank).

21 (f) (Blank).

22 (g) Duties of the Digital Divide Elimination Working Group
23 include all of the following:

24 (1) Undertaking a thorough review of grant programs
25 available through the federal government, local agencies,
26 telecommunications providers, and business and charitable

1 entities for the purpose of identifying appropriate
2 sources of revenues for the Digital Divide Elimination
3 Fund and attempting to update available grants on a
4 regular basis.

5 (2) Researching and cataloging programs designed to
6 advance digital literacy and computer access that are
7 available through the federal government, local agencies,
8 telecommunications providers, and business and charitable
9 entities and attempting to update available programs on a
10 regular basis.

11 (3) Presenting the information compiled from items (1)
12 and (2) to the Department of Commerce and Economic
13 Opportunity, which shall serve as a single point of
14 contact for applying for funding for the Digital Divide
15 Elimination Fund and for distributing information to the
16 public regarding all programs designed to advance digital
17 literacy and computer access.

18 (Source: P.A. 102-1071, eff. 6-10-22.)

19 (30 ILCS 780/5-30.1 new)

20 Sec. 5-30.1. Digital Divide Elimination Fund. Funds made
21 available through the Digital Divide Elimination Fund shall
22 also be used to make grants that further the State's digital
23 equity vision in which:

24 (1) all Illinoisans are empowered to use and
25 participate fully in an increasingly digital economy and

1 society through universal access to high-speed broadband
2 that is affordable, reliable, and fully scalable;

3 (2) new and existing resources are used to implement
4 targeted digital inclusion strategies and sustainable
5 broadband equity outcomes; and

6 (3) all Illinoisans are empowered to use and
7 participate fully in an increasingly digital economy and
8 society.

9 Examples of digital inclusion strategies include, but are
10 not limited to, establishing digital navigator programs,
11 programs that provide digital literacy and digital skills
12 training, computer refurbishment programs, and device
13 distribution programs.

14 Grants under this Section shall be distributed to public
15 hospitals, libraries, park districts, State agencies, local
16 agencies, institutions of higher education, senior citizens
17 homes, and other public and private nonprofit agencies and
18 organizations that serve one or more of the covered
19 populations.

20 Grant applications under this Section shall be submitted
21 to the Department.

22 The Department may adopt rules concerning grant
23 applications under this Section.

24 (30 ILCS 780/5-45)

25 Sec. 5-45. Statewide Community Technology Center Network.

1 (a) Subject to appropriation, the Department shall expend
2 not more than \$100,000 in fiscal year 2001 to establish and
3 administer a Statewide Community Technology Center Network to
4 assist in local and regional planning under this Article.

5 (b) Subject to appropriation, the Department may expend
6 not more than \$100,000 in fiscal year 2006 and each fiscal year
7 thereafter to establish and administer a Statewide Community
8 Technology Center Network and public facing data source that
9 serves as a digital hub for mapping, data collection, and
10 program evaluation to assist in local and regional planning
11 and revenue development and outreach under this Article.

12 (Source: P.A. 94-734, eff. 4-28-06.)

13 Section 25. The Music and Musicians Tax Credit and Jobs
14 Act is amended by changing Section 50-45 as follows:

15 (35 ILCS 19/50-45)

16 Sec. 50-45. Qualified music program evaluation and
17 reports.

18 (a) (Blank).

19 The Department may make a recommendation to extend,
20 modify, or not extend the program based on the evaluation.

21 (b) (Blank). ~~At the end of each fiscal quarter, the~~
22 ~~Department shall submit to the General Assembly a report that~~
23 ~~includes, without limitation:~~

24 ~~(1) an assessment of the economic impact of the~~

~~program, including the number of jobs created and retained, and whether the job positions are entry level, management, vendor, or production related;~~

~~(2) the amount of qualified music company spending brought to Illinois, including the amount of spending and type of Illinois vendors hired in connection with a qualified music company; and~~

~~(3) a determination of whether those receiving qualifying Illinois labor expenditure salaries or wages reflect the geographic, racial and ethnic, gender, and income level diversity of the State of Illinois.~~

(c) At the end of each fiscal year, the Department shall submit to the General Assembly a report that includes, without limitation:

(1) the identification of each vendor that provided goods or services that were included in a qualified music company's Illinois spending;

(2) a statement of the amount paid to each identified vendor by the qualified music program and whether the vendor is a minority-owned or women-owned business as defined in Section 2 of the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Women, and Persons with Disabilities Act; and

(3) a description of the steps taken by the Department to encourage qualified music companies to use vendors who are minority-owned or women-owned businesses.

(Source: P.A. 103-592, eff. 6-7-24; 103-1055, eff. 12-20-24.)

1 Section 27. The Illinois Public Aid Code is amended by
2 changing Sections 4-2 and 6-2 as follows:

3 (305 ILCS 5/4-2) (from Ch. 23, par. 4-2)

4 Sec. 4-2. Amount of aid.

5 (a) The amount and nature of financial aid shall be
6 determined in accordance with the grant amounts, rules and
7 regulations of the Illinois Department. Due regard shall be
8 given to the self-sufficiency requirements of the family and
9 to the income, money contributions and other support and
10 resources available, from whatever source. However, the amount
11 and nature of any financial aid is not affected by the payment
12 of any grant under the "Senior Citizens and Persons with
13 Disabilities Property Tax Relief Act" or any distributions or
14 items of income described under subparagraph (X) of paragraph
15 (2) of subsection (a) of Section 203 of the Illinois Income Tax
16 Act. The aid shall be sufficient, when added to all other
17 income, money contributions and support to provide the family
18 with a grant in the amount established by Department
19 regulation.

20 (a-5) For the purposes of this subsection, TANF grant
21 amounts shall consist of the following portions:

22 (1) 75% shall be designated for the child or children
23 of the assistance unit; and

24 (2) 25% shall be designated for the adult member or

1 members of the assistance unit.

2 (b) The Illinois Department may conduct special projects,
3 which may be known as Grant Diversion Projects, under which
4 recipients of financial aid under this Article are placed in
5 jobs and their grants are diverted to the employer who in turn
6 makes payments to the recipients in the form of salary or other
7 employment benefits. The Illinois Department shall by rule
8 specify the terms and conditions of such Grant Diversion
9 Projects. ~~Such projects shall take into consideration and be~~
10 ~~coordinated with the programs administered under the Illinois~~
11 ~~Emergency Employment Development Act.~~

12 (c) The amount and nature of the financial aid for a child
13 requiring care outside his own home shall be determined in
14 accordance with the rules and regulations of the Illinois
15 Department, with due regard to the needs and requirements of
16 the child in the foster home or institution in which he has
17 been placed.

18 (d) If the Department establishes grants for family units
19 consisting exclusively of a pregnant woman with no dependent
20 child or including her husband if living with her, the grant
21 amount for such a unit shall be equal to the grant amount for
22 an assistance unit consisting of one adult, or 2 persons if the
23 husband is included. Other than as herein described, an unborn
24 child shall not be counted in determining the size of an
25 assistance unit or for calculating grants.

26 Payments for basic maintenance requirements of a child or

1 children and the relative with whom the child or children are
2 living shall be prescribed, by rule, by the Illinois
3 Department.

4 Grants under this Article shall not be supplemented by
5 General Assistance provided under Article VI.

6 (e) Grants shall be paid to the parent or other person with
7 whom the child or children are living, except for such amount
8 as is paid in behalf of the child or his parent or other
9 relative to other persons or agencies pursuant to this Code or
10 the rules and regulations of the Illinois Department.

11 (f) Subject to subsection (f-5), an assistance unit,
12 receiving financial aid under this Article or temporarily
13 ineligible to receive aid under this Article under a penalty
14 imposed by the Illinois Department for failure to comply with
15 the eligibility requirements or that voluntarily requests
16 termination of financial assistance under this Article and
17 becomes subsequently eligible for assistance within 9 months,
18 shall not receive any increase in the amount of aid solely on
19 account of the birth of a child; except that an increase is not
20 prohibited when the birth is (i) of a child of a pregnant woman
21 who became eligible for aid under this Article during the
22 pregnancy, or (ii) of a child born within 10 months after the
23 date of implementation of this subsection, or (iii) of a child
24 conceived after a family became ineligible for assistance due
25 to income or marriage and at least 3 months of ineligibility
26 expired before any reapplication for assistance. This

1 subsection does not, however, prevent a unit from receiving a
2 general increase in the amount of aid that is provided to all
3 recipients of aid under this Article.

4 The Illinois Department is authorized to transfer funds,
5 and shall use any budgetary savings attributable to not
6 increasing the grants due to the births of additional
7 children, to supplement existing funding for employment and
8 training services for recipients of aid under this Article IV.
9 The Illinois Department shall target, to the extent the
10 supplemental funding allows, employment and training services
11 to the families who do not receive a grant increase after the
12 birth of a child. In addition, the Illinois Department shall
13 provide, to the extent the supplemental funding allows, such
14 families with up to 24 months of transitional child care
15 pursuant to Illinois Department rules. All remaining
16 supplemental funds shall be used for employment and training
17 services or transitional child care support.

18 In making the transfers authorized by this subsection, the
19 Illinois Department shall first determine, pursuant to
20 regulations adopted by the Illinois Department for this
21 purpose, the amount of savings attributable to not increasing
22 the grants due to the births of additional children. Transfers
23 may be made from General Revenue Fund appropriations for
24 distributive purposes authorized by Article IV of this Code
25 only to General Revenue Fund appropriations for employability
26 development services including operating and administrative

1 costs and related distributive purposes under Article IXA of
2 this Code. The Director, with the approval of the Governor,
3 shall certify the amount and affected line item appropriations
4 to the State Comptroller.

5 Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prohibit
6 the Illinois Department from using funds under this Article IV
7 to provide assistance in the form of vouchers that may be used
8 to pay for goods and services deemed by the Illinois
9 Department, by rule, as suitable for the care of the child such
10 as diapers, clothing, school supplies, and cribs.

11 (f-5) Subsection (f) shall not apply to affect the monthly
12 assistance amount of any family as a result of the birth of a
13 child on or after January 1, 2004. As resources permit after
14 January 1, 2004, the Department may cease applying subsection
15 (f) to limit assistance to families receiving assistance under
16 this Article on January 1, 2004, with respect to children born
17 prior to that date. In any event, subsection (f) shall be
18 completely inoperative on and after July 1, 2007.

19 (g) (Blank).

20 (h) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code, the
21 Illinois Department is authorized to reduce payment levels
22 used to determine cash grants under this Article after
23 December 31 of any fiscal year if the Illinois Department
24 determines that the caseload upon which the appropriations for
25 the current fiscal year are based have increased by more than
26 5% and the appropriation is not sufficient to ensure that cash

1 benefits under this Article do not exceed the amounts
2 appropriated for those cash benefits. Reductions in payment
3 levels may be accomplished by emergency rule under Section
4 5-45 of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act, except that
5 the limitation on the number of emergency rules that may be
6 adopted in a 24-month period shall not apply and the
7 provisions of Sections 5-115 and 5-125 of the Illinois
8 Administrative Procedure Act shall not apply. Increases in
9 payment levels shall be accomplished only in accordance with
10 Section 5-40 of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act.
11 Before any rule to increase payment levels promulgated under
12 this Section shall become effective, a joint resolution
13 approving the rule must be adopted by a roll call vote by a
14 majority of the members elected to each chamber of the General
15 Assembly.

16 (Source: P.A. 101-103, eff. 7-19-19.)

17 (305 ILCS 5/6-2) (from Ch. 23, par. 6-2)

18 Sec. 6-2. Amount of aid. The amount and nature of General
19 Assistance for basic maintenance requirements shall be
20 determined in accordance with local budget standards for local
21 governmental units which do not receive State funds. For local
22 governmental units which do receive State funds, the amount
23 and nature of General Assistance for basic maintenance
24 requirements shall be determined in accordance with the
25 standards, rules and regulations of the Illinois Department.

1 However, the amount and nature of any financial aid is not
2 affected by the payment of any grant under the Senior Citizens
3 and Persons with Disabilities Property Tax Relief Act, any
4 rebate authorized under Section 2201(a) of the Coronavirus
5 Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (Public Law 116-136) or
6 under any other federal economic stimulus program created in
7 response to the COVID-19 emergency, or any distributions or
8 items of income described under subparagraph (X) of paragraph
9 (2) of subsection (a) of Section 203 of the Illinois Income Tax
10 Act. Due regard shall be given to the requirements and the
11 conditions existing in each case, and to the income, money
12 contributions and other support and resources available, from
13 whatever source. In local governmental units which do not
14 receive State funds, the grant shall be sufficient when added
15 to all other income, money contributions and support in excess
16 of any excluded income or resources, to provide the person
17 with a grant in the amount established for such a person by the
18 local governmental unit based upon standards meeting basic
19 maintenance requirements. In local governmental units which do
20 receive State funds, the grant shall be sufficient when added
21 to all other income, money contributions and support in excess
22 of any excluded income or resources, to provide the person
23 with a grant in the amount established for such a person by
24 Department regulation based upon standards providing a
25 livelihood compatible with health and well-being, as directed
26 by Section 12-4.11 of this Code.

1 The Illinois Department may conduct special projects,
2 which may be known as Grant Diversion Projects, under which
3 recipients of financial aid under this Article are placed in
4 jobs and their grants are diverted to the employer who in turn
5 makes payments to the recipients in the form of salary or other
6 employment benefits. The Illinois Department shall by rule
7 specify the terms and conditions of such Grant Diversion
8 Projects. ~~Such projects shall take into consideration and be~~
9 ~~coordinated with the programs administered under the Illinois~~
10 ~~Emergency Employment Development Act.~~

11 The allowances provided under Article IX for recipients
12 participating in the training and rehabilitation programs
13 shall be in addition to such maximum payment.

14 Payments may also be made to provide persons receiving
15 basic maintenance support with necessary treatment, care and
16 supplies required because of illness or disability or with
17 acute medical treatment, care, and supplies. Payments for
18 necessary or acute medical care under this paragraph may be
19 made to or in behalf of the person. Obligations incurred for
20 such services but not paid for at the time of a recipient's
21 death may be paid, subject to the rules and regulations of the
22 Illinois Department, after the death of the recipient.

23 (Source: P.A. 101-632, eff. 6-5-20.)

24 Section 30. The Good Samaritan Energy Plan Act is amended
25 by changing Section 30 and by adding Section 95 as follows:

1 (305 ILCS 22/30)

2 Sec. 30. Distribution of moneys from Fund. Subject to
3 appropriations made by the General Assembly, the Department
4 may spend moneys from the Good Samaritan Energy Trust Fund for
5 the purpose of providing assistance authorized under Section
6 25. The Department, with the advice and consent of the Low
7 Income Energy Assistance Policy Advisory Council, shall
8 establish priorities for the distribution of moneys from the
9 Good Samaritan Energy Trust Fund to low-income consumers to
10 enable them to pay gas or electric bill arrearages in order to
11 have household gas or electric utility service connected.
12 Low-income consumers who are unable to have their service
13 connected even with a LIHEAP grant shall be given preference.
14 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, on October 1,
15 2025, or as soon thereafter as practical, the State
16 Comptroller shall direct and the State Treasurer shall
17 transfer the remaining balance from the Good Samaritan Energy
18 Trust Fund into the Supplemental Low-Income Energy Assistance
19 Fund. Upon completion of the transfer, the Good Samaritan
20 Energy Trust Fund is dissolved, any future deposits due to the
21 Good Samaritan Energy Trust Fund pass to the Supplemental
22 Low-Income Energy Assistance Fund, and any outstanding
23 obligations or liabilities of the Good Samaritan Energy Trust
24 Fund pass to the Supplemental Low-Income Energy Assistance
25 Fund. ~~The Department shall ensure that moneys donated for the~~

1 ~~Fund (other than moneys used for administrative expenses as~~
2 ~~authorized in Section 25) are distributed to low income~~
3 ~~consumers who reside in the county from which those moneys~~
4 ~~were received.~~

5 (Source: P.A. 93-285, eff. 7-22-03.)

6 (305 ILCS 22/95 new)

7 Sec. 95. Repeal. This Act is repealed on January 1, 2026.

8 Section 35. The Urban Community Conservation Act is
9 amended by changing Section 4 as follows:

10 (315 ILCS 25/4) (from Ch. 67 1/2, par. 91.11)

11 Sec. 4. Excepting any municipality for and in which there
12 exists a Department of Urban Renewal created pursuant to the
13 provisions of the "Urban Renewal Consolidation Act of 1961",
14 enacted by the Seventy-Second General Assembly, any
15 municipality, after 30 days' notice, published in a newspaper
16 of general circulation within the municipality, and public
17 hearing, shall have the power to provide for the creation of a
18 Conservation Board, to operate within the boundaries of such
19 municipality, pursuant to the provisions of this Act. The
20 presiding officer of any municipality in which a Conservation
21 Board is established shall appoint, with the approval of the
22 governing body ~~and of the Department of Commerce and Economic~~
23 ~~Opportunity~~, five residents of the municipality to act as a

1 Conservation Board, hereinafter referred to as "the Board."
2 Members of the Board shall be citizens of broad civic
3 interest, administrative experience and ability in the fields
4 of finance, real estate, building, or related endeavors, not
5 more than three of whom shall belong to the same political
6 party. One such member shall be designated by the presiding
7 officer as Commissioner and shall serve at the pleasure of the
8 presiding officer. He shall administer the functions assigned
9 by the Board, preside over its meetings, and carry out
10 whatever other functions may be assigned to him by the
11 governing body. The Commissioner shall devote his full-time
12 attention to the duties of his office and shall receive no
13 public funds by way of salary, compensation, or remuneration
14 for services rendered, from any other governmental agency or
15 public body during his tenure in office, other than the salary
16 provided by the governing body, except as herein otherwise
17 specifically provided.

18 Four other members of the Board shall be appointed, to
19 serve one, two, three and four year terms. After the
20 expiration of the initial term of office each subsequent term
21 shall be of four years' duration. A member shall hold office
22 until his successor shall have been appointed and qualified.
23 Members of the Board shall be eligible to succeed themselves.
24 Members of the Board other than the Commissioner shall serve
25 without pay, except as herein otherwise specifically provided
26 and no member of the Board shall acquire any interest, direct

1 or indirect, in any conservation project, or in any property
2 included or planned to be included in any conservation
3 project, nor shall any member have any interest in any
4 contract or proposed contract in connection with any such
5 project. Members may be dismissed by the Presiding Office of
6 the Municipality for good cause shown. Such dismissal may be
7 set aside by a two-thirds vote of the governing body.
8 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein contained, the
9 Commissioner, may, during all or any part of his term also
10 serve as Chairman or member of a Redevelopment Commission
11 created pursuant to "The Neighborhood Redevelopment
12 Corporation Law" approved July 9, 1941, as amended, and shall
13 be entitled to receive and retain any salary payable to him as
14 Chairman or member of any such Redevelopment Commission. Three
15 members of the Conservation Board shall constitute a quorum to
16 transact business and no vacancy shall impair the right of the
17 remaining members to exercise all the powers of the Board; and
18 every act, order, rule, regulation or resolution of the
19 Conservation Board approved by a majority of the members
20 thereof at a regular or special meeting shall be deemed to be
21 the act, order, rule, regulation or resolution of the
22 Conservation Board.

23 The Conservation Board shall designate Conservation Areas
24 and

25 (a) Approve all conservation plans developed for
26 Conservation Areas in the manner prescribed herein;

1 (b) Approve each use of eminent domain for the acquisition
2 of real property for the purposes of this Act, provided that
3 every property owner affected by condemnation proceedings
4 shall have the opportunity to be heard by the Board before such
5 proceedings may be approved;

6 (c) Act as the agent of the Municipality in the
7 acquisition, management, and disposition of property acquired
8 pursuant to this Act as hereinafter provided;

9 (d) Act as agent of the governing body, at the discretion
10 of the governing body, in the enforcement and the
11 administration of any ordinances relating to the conservation
12 of urban residential areas and the prevention of slums enacted
13 by the governing body pursuant to the laws of this State;

14 (e) Report annually to the presiding officer of the
15 municipality;

16 (f) Shall, as agent for the Municipality upon approval by
17 the governing body, have power to apply for and accept capital
18 grants and loans from, and contract with, the United States of
19 America, the Housing and Home Finance Agency, or any other
20 Agency or instrumentality of the United States of America, for
21 or in aid of any of the purposes of this Act, and to secure
22 such loans by the issuance of debentures, notes, special
23 certificates, or other evidences of indebtedness, to the
24 United States of America; and

25 (g) Exercise any and all other powers as shall be
26 necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Act.

1 (Source: P.A. 94-793, eff. 5-19-06.)

2 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
3 becoming law.