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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 3187

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 3187 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

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

1 any other activity that results in the additional flow of
2 agricultural and manufactured products through the Illinois
3 water ports and existing airport facilities.

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

5 (20 ILCS 605/605-940) (was 20 ILCS 605/46.37)

6 Sec. 605-940. Clearing house for local government
7 problems; aid with financial and administrative matters. The
8 Department shall provide for a central clearing house for
9 information concerning local government problems and various
10 solutions to those problems and shall assist and aid local
11 governments of the State in matters relating to budgets,
12 fiscal procedures, and administration. In performing this
13 responsibility the Department shall have the power and duty to
14 do the following:

15 (1) Maintain communication with all local governments
16 and assist them, at their request, to improve their
17 administrative procedures and to facilitate improved local
18 government and development.

19 (2) Assemble and disseminate information concerning
20 State and federal programs, grants, gifts, and subsidies
21 available to local governments and to provide counsel and
22 technical services and other assistance in applying for
23 those programs, grants, gifts, and subsidies.

24 (3) Assist in coordinating activities by obtaining
25 information, on forms provided by the Department or by

1 receipt of proposals and applications, concerning State
2 and federal assisted programs, grants, gifts, and
3 subsidies applied for and received by all local
4 governments.

5 (4) Provide direct consultative services to local
6 governments upon request and provide staff services to
7 special commissions, the Governor, or the General Assembly
8 or its committees.

9 (5) Render advice and assistance with respect to the
10 establishment and maintenance of programs for the training
11 of local government officials and other personnel.

12 (6) Act as the official State agency for the receipt
13 and distribution of federal funds that are or may be
14 provided to the State on a flat grant basis for
15 distribution to local governments or in the event federal
16 law requires a State agency to implement programs
17 affecting local governments and for State funds that are
18 or may be provided for the use of local governments unless
19 otherwise provided by law.

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

22 (8) Provide all advice and assistance to improve local
23 government administration, ensure the economical and
24 efficient provision of local government services, and make
25 the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois effective.

26 (9) Give advice and counsel on fiscal problems of

1 local governments of the State to those local governments.

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

4 (11) (Blank). ~~Assist and advise the local governments~~
5 ~~of the State in matters pertaining to budgets,~~
6 ~~appropriation requests and ordinances, the determination~~
7 ~~of property tax levies and rates, and other matters of a~~
8 ~~financial nature.~~

9 (12) (Blank). ~~Be a repository for financial reports~~
10 ~~and statements required by law of local governments of the~~
11 ~~State, and publish financial summaries of those reports~~
12 ~~and statements.~~

13 (13) (Blank).

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

16 (15) (Blank). ~~Administer the program of grants, loans,~~
17 ~~and loan guarantees under the federal Public Works and~~
18 ~~Economic Development Act of 1965, 42 U.S.C. 3121 and~~
19 ~~following, and receive and disburse State and federal~~
20 ~~funds provided for that program and moneys received as~~
21 ~~repayments of loans made under the program.~~

22 (16) (Blank). ~~After January 1, 1985, upon the request~~
23 ~~of local governments, prepare and provide model financial~~
24 ~~statement forms designed to communicate to taxpayers,~~
25 ~~service consumers, voters, government employees, and news~~
26 ~~media, in a non technical manner, all significant~~

~~financial information regarding a particular local government, and to prepare and provide to local governments a summary of local governments' obligations concerning the adoption of an annual operating budget. The summary shall be set forth in a non technical manner and shall be designed principally for distribution to, and the use of, taxpayers, service consumers, voters, government employees, and news media.~~

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

(20 ILCS 630/Act rep.)

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

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

(30 ILCS 780/5-5)

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

"Community-based organization" means a private not-for-profit organization that is located in an Illinois community and that provides services to citizens within that community and the surrounding area.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 The Department shall provide assistance to Community

1 Technology Centers in making those determinations for purposes
2 of applying for grants.

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

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

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

19 (e) (Blank).

20 (f) (Blank).

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

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

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

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

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

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

18 (30 ILCS 780/5-30.1 new)

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

23 (1) all Illinoisans are empowered to use and
24 participate fully in an increasingly digital economy and
25 society through universal access to high-speed broadband

1 that is affordable, reliable, and fully scalable;

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 (30 ILCS 780/5-45)

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

25 (a) Subject to appropriation, the Department shall expend

1 not more than \$100,000 in fiscal year 2001 to establish and
2 administer a Statewide Community Technology Center Network and
3 public facing data source that serves as a digital hub for
4 mapping, data collection, and program evaluation to assist in
5 local and regional planning under this Article.

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

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

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

16 (35 ILCS 19/50-45)

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

19 (a) (Blank).

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

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

1 ~~(1) an assessment of the economic impact of the~~
2 ~~program, including the number of jobs created and~~
3 ~~retained, and whether the job positions are entry level,~~
4 ~~management, vendor, or production related;~~

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2 Section 30. The Good Samaritan Energy Plan Act is amended
3 by changing Sections 30 and 99 as follows:

4 (305 ILCS 22/30)

5 Sec. 30. Distribution of moneys from Fund. Subject to
6 appropriations made by the General Assembly, the Department
7 may spend moneys from the Good Samaritan Energy Trust Fund for
8 the purpose of providing assistance authorized under Section
9 25. The Department, with the advice and consent of the Low
10 Income Energy Assistance Policy Advisory Council, shall
11 establish priorities for the distribution of moneys from the
12 Good Samaritan Energy Trust Fund to low-income consumers to
13 enable them to pay gas or electric bill arrearages in order to
14 have household gas or electric utility service connected.
15 Low-income consumers who are unable to have their service
16 connected even with a LIHEAP grant shall be given preference.
17 The Department shall ensure that moneys donated for the Fund
18 (other than moneys used for administrative expenses as
19 authorized in Section 25) are distributed to low-income
20 consumers who reside in the county from which those moneys
21 were received. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in
22 addition to any other transfers that may be provided by law, on
23 the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 104th General
24 Assembly, or as soon thereafter as practical, the State

1 Comptroller shall direct and the State Treasurer shall
2 transfer the balance remaining in the Good Samaritan Energy
3 Trust Fund from the Good Samaritan Energy Trust Fund to the
4 Supplemental Low-Income Energy Assistance Fund. Upon
5 completion of the transfer, the Good Samaritan Energy Trust
6 Fund is dissolved, any future deposits due to the Good
7 Samaritan Energy Trust Fund pass to the Supplemental
8 Low-Income Energy Assistance Fund, and any outstanding
9 obligations or liabilities of the Good Samaritan Energy Trust
10 Fund pass to the Supplemental Low-Income Energy Assistance
11 Fund.

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

13 (305 ILCS 22/99)

14 Sec. 99. Effective date; repeal. This Act takes effect
15 upon becoming law. This Act is repealed on July 1, 2025.

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

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

19 (315 ILCS 25/4) (from Ch. 67 1/2, par. 91.11)

20 Sec. 4. Excepting any municipality for and in which there
21 exists a Department of Urban Renewal created pursuant to the
22 provisions of the "Urban Renewal Consolidation Act of 1961",
23 enacted by the Seventy-Second General Assembly, any

1 municipality, after 30 days' notice, published in a newspaper
2 of general circulation within the municipality, and public
3 hearing, shall have the power to provide for the creation of a
4 Conservation Board, to operate within the boundaries of such
5 municipality, pursuant to the provisions of this Act. The
6 presiding officer of any municipality in which a Conservation
7 Board is established shall appoint, with the approval of the
8 governing body ~~and of the Department of Commerce and Economic~~
9 ~~Opportunity~~, five residents of the municipality to act as a
10 Conservation Board, hereinafter referred to as "the Board."
11 Members of the Board shall be citizens of broad civic
12 interest, administrative experience and ability in the fields
13 of finance, real estate, building, or related endeavors, not
14 more than three of whom shall belong to the same political
15 party. One such member shall be designated by the presiding
16 officer as Commissioner and shall serve at the pleasure of the
17 presiding officer. He shall administer the functions assigned
18 by the Board, preside over its meetings, and carry out
19 whatever other functions may be assigned to him by the
20 governing body. The Commissioner shall devote his full-time
21 attention to the duties of his office and shall receive no
22 public funds by way of salary, compensation, or remuneration
23 for services rendered, from any other governmental agency or
24 public body during his tenure in office, other than the salary
25 provided by the governing body, except as herein otherwise
26 specifically provided.

1 Four other members of the Board shall be appointed, to
2 serve one, two, three and four year terms. After the
3 expiration of the initial term of office each subsequent term
4 shall be of four years' duration. A member shall hold office
5 until his successor shall have been appointed and qualified.
6 Members of the Board shall be eligible to succeed themselves.
7 Members of the Board other than the Commissioner shall serve
8 without pay, except as herein otherwise specifically provided
9 and no member of the Board shall acquire any interest, direct
10 or indirect, in any conservation project, or in any property
11 included or planned to be included in any conservation
12 project, nor shall any member have any interest in any
13 contract or proposed contract in connection with any such
14 project. Members may be dismissed by the Presiding Office of
15 the Municipality for good cause shown. Such dismissal may be
16 set aside by a two-thirds vote of the governing body.
17 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein contained, the
18 Commissioner, may, during all or any part of his term also
19 serve as Chairman or member of a Redevelopment Commission
20 created pursuant to "The Neighborhood Redevelopment
21 Corporation Law" approved July 9, 1941, as amended, and shall
22 be entitled to receive and retain any salary payable to him as
23 Chairman or member of any such Redevelopment Commission. Three
24 members of the Conservation Board shall constitute a quorum to
25 transact business and no vacancy shall impair the right of the
26 remaining members to exercise all the powers of the Board; and

1 every act, order, rule, regulation or resolution of the
2 Conservation Board approved by a majority of the members
3 thereof at a regular or special meeting shall be deemed to be
4 the act, order, rule, regulation or resolution of the
5 Conservation Board.

6 The Conservation Board shall designate Conservation Areas
7 and

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

10 (b) Approve each use of eminent domain for the acquisition
11 of real property for the purposes of this Act, provided that
12 every property owner affected by condemnation proceedings
13 shall have the opportunity to be heard by the Board before such
14 proceedings may be approved;

15 (c) Act as the agent of the Municipality in the
16 acquisition, management, and disposition of property acquired
17 pursuant to this Act as hereinafter provided;

18 (d) Act as agent of the governing body, at the discretion
19 of the governing body, in the enforcement and the
20 administration of any ordinances relating to the conservation
21 of urban residential areas and the prevention of slums enacted
22 by the governing body pursuant to the laws of this State;

23 (e) Report annually to the presiding officer of the
24 municipality;

25 (f) Shall, as agent for the Municipality upon approval by
26 the governing body, have power to apply for and accept capital

1 grants and loans from, and contract with, the United States of
2 America, the Housing and Home Finance Agency, or any other
3 Agency or instrumentality of the United States of America, for
4 or in aid of any of the purposes of this Act, and to secure
5 such loans by the issuance of debentures, notes, special
6 certificates, or other evidences of indebtedness, to the
7 United States of America; and

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

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

11 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
12 becoming law.".