



## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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HB4166

Introduced 10/28/2025, by Rep. Sharon Chung

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 605/605-1120 new

Amends the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Law. Creates the High School and Area Vocational Center Grant Program. Provides that, subject to appropriation, the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity shall award grants to high schools, area vocational centers, and area career centers for the instruction and training of preapprenticeship students in the clean energy industry and the construction industry. Lists purposes for the Program. Requires the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to adopt rules.

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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 adding Section 605-1120 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 605/605-1120 new)

8 Sec. 605-1120. High School and Area Vocational Center  
9 Grant Program.

10 (a) The High School and Area Vocational Center Grant  
11 Program is hereby established as a program to be implemented  
12 and administered by the Department. The Program shall provide  
13 grants for the purposes described in subsections (b) and (c).

14 (b) Subject to appropriation, the Department shall award  
15 grants to high schools, area vocational centers, and area  
16 career centers for the instruction and training of  
17 preapprenticeship students in clean energy industry  
18 occupations and construction industry occupations, including  
19 instruction and training for careers as wind turbine  
20 technicians; solar installers; construction craft laborers;  
21 carpenters; electricians; plumbers or pipefitters; masons;  
22 welders or ironworkers; heavy equipment operators; roofers;  
23 sheet metal workers; painters and drywall installers; heating,

1 ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) technicians; and  
2 other trades.

3 (c) The Department shall adopt, by rule, criteria for the  
4 awarding of grants under this Section for the following  
5 purposes:

6 (1) to open the doors of opportunity into the clean  
7 energy industry, the construction industry, and the  
8 trades;

9 (2) to quickly and efficiently create, throughout the  
10 State, a qualified talent pipeline to fill job  
11 opportunities in the clean energy industry and the  
12 construction industry with diverse candidates;

13 (3) to allow students to attend and graduate from the  
14 instruction and training under this Section tuition-free;  
15 and

16 (4) to encourage diversity and inclusion in the clean  
17 energy industry and the construction industry.

18 (d) The Department shall adopt all rules necessary for the  
19 implementation and administration of the Program established  
20 under this Section.