



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

HB4854

by Rep. Janet Yang Rohr

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

30 ILCS 105/5.1038 new
30 ILCS 105/6z-149 new

Amends the State Finance Act. Creates the Public, Educational, and Governmental Programming Fund. Provides that moneys in the Public, Educational, and Governmental Programming Fund shall be used by the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for operational and administrative expenditures related to, as well as the award of grants to, public, educational, and governmental programmers and public, educational, and governmental studio operators with the purpose of subsidizing operational, capital, and equipment costs related to producing and procuring that programming. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning finance.

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

4 Section 5. The State Finance Act is amended by adding
5 Sections 5.1038 and 6z-149 as follows:

6 (30 ILCS 105/5.1038 new)

7 Sec. 5.1038. The Public, Educational, and Governmental
8 Programming Fund.

9 (30 ILCS 105/6z-149 new)

10 Sec. 6z-149. The Public, Educational, and Governmental
11 Programming Fund; creation.

12 (a) The Public, Educational, and Governmental Programming
13 Fund is created as a special fund in the State treasury. The
14 Fund may accept moneys from any lawful source. Any interest
15 earned on moneys in the Fund shall be deposited into the Fund.

16 (b) Subject to appropriation, moneys in the Public,
17 Educational, and Governmental Programming Fund shall be used
18 by the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for
19 operational and administrative expenditures related to, as
20 well as the award of grants to, public, educational, and
21 governmental programmers and public, educational, and
22 governmental studio operators with the purpose of subsidizing

1 operational, capital, and equipment costs related to producing
2 and procuring that programming.

3 (c) On or before January 1, 2027, the Department of
4 Commerce and Economic Opportunity shall adopt rules
5 establishing requirements for the distribution of grant moneys
6 and the determination of which persons or entities are
7 eligible for grants under this Section and may adopt any other
8 rules necessary to implement this Section and administer the
9 Public, Educational, and Governmental Programming Fund.

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