



Rep. Dagmara Avelar

Filed: 3/25/2026

10400HB5071ham002

LRB104 19774 LNS 35789 a

1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 5071

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 5071 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Toll Highway Act is amended by changing
5 Section 8 as follows:

6 (605 ILCS 10/8) (from Ch. 121, par. 100-8)

7 Sec. 8. The Authority shall have the power:

8 (a) To acquire, own, use, hire, lease, operate and dispose
9 of personal property, real property (except with respect to
10 the headquarters building and surrounding land of the
11 Authority located at 2700 Ogden Avenue, Downers Grove,
12 Illinois, which may be sold or mortgaged only as provided in
13 Section 7.5 of the State Property Control Act to the extent
14 that such property is subject to the State Property Control
15 Act at the time of the proposed sale), any interest therein,
16 including rights-of-way, franchises and easements.

1 (b) To enter into all contracts and agreements necessary
2 or incidental to the performance of its powers under this Act.
3 All employment contracts let under this Act shall be in
4 conformity with the applicable provisions of "An Act
5 regulating wages of laborers, mechanics and other workers
6 employed under contracts for public works," approved June 26,
7 1941, as amended.

8 (c) To employ and discharge, without regard to the
9 requirements of any civil service or personnel act, such
10 administrative, engineering, traffic, architectural,
11 construction, and financial experts, and inspectors, and such
12 other employees, as are necessary in the Authority's judgment
13 to carry out the purposes of this Act; and to establish and
14 administer standards of classification of all of such persons
15 with respect to their compensation, duties, performance, and
16 tenure; and to enter into contracts of employment with such
17 persons for such periods and on such terms as the Authority
18 deems desirable.

19 (d) To appoint by and with the consent of the Attorney
20 General, assistant attorneys for such Authority, which said
21 assistant attorneys shall be under the control, direction and
22 supervision of the Attorney General and shall serve at his
23 pleasure.

24 (e) To retain special counsel, subject to the approval of
25 the Attorney General, as needed from time to time, and fix
26 their compensation, provided however, such special counsel

1 shall be subject to the control, direction and supervision of
2 the Attorney General and shall serve at his pleasure.

3 (f) To acquire, construct, relocate, operate, regulate and
4 maintain a system of toll highways through and within the
5 State of Illinois. However, the Authority does not have the
6 power to acquire, operate, regulate or maintain any system of
7 toll highways or toll bridges or portions of them (including
8 but not limited to any system organized pursuant to Division
9 108 of Article 11 of the Illinois Municipal Code) in the event
10 either of the following conditions exists at the time the
11 proposed acquisition, operation, regulation or maintenance of
12 such system is to become effective:

13 (1) the principal or interest on bonds or other
14 instruments evidencing indebtedness of the system are in
15 default; or

16 (2) the principal or interest on bonds or other
17 instruments evidencing indebtedness of the system have been in
18 default at any time during the 5 year period prior to the
19 proposed acquisition.

20 To facilitate such construction, operation and maintenance
21 and subject to the approval of the Division of Highways of the
22 Department of Transportation, the Authority shall have the
23 full use and advantage of the engineering staff and facilities
24 of the Department.

25 (g) To establish a special pay supplement for those
26 positions of employment that require, pursuant to the

1 Authority's official classification specification, that a
2 person employed in that position speak or write a language
3 other than English, including American Sign Language, to
4 better serve limited English speakers across the State.
5 Positions paid under this paragraph may be eligible for a
6 bilingual pay supplement to attract bilingual individuals, to
7 encourage present employees to become proficient in languages
8 other than English, or to retain qualified bilingual
9 employees.

10 The positions eligible for a bilingual pay supplement, the
11 amount of the supplement, and the length of time it remains in
12 effect shall be negotiated between the Authority and the
13 appropriate collective bargaining representative as determined
14 under the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act. The bilingual
15 pay supplement may be negotiated for each foreign language,
16 including American Sign Language, required for the position by
17 the Authority's official classification specification.

18 A bilingual pay supplement shall be processed within 30
19 calendar days after the employee presents to the Authority a
20 certification from either: (i) the designated testing program
21 process selected by the Authority; or (ii) a State community
22 college confirming that language skill proficiency in reading,
23 writing, and speaking has been satisfied by the employee.

24 The Authority shall submit, on or before December 31 of
25 each year, to the General Assembly and the Governor a report on
26 the bilingual pay supplements processed within the last

1 calendar year and the needs of bilingual positions left
2 unfilled in the last calendar year.
3 (Source: P.A. 93-19, eff. 6-20-03.)".