

SB0197



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Introduced 1/22/2025, by Sen. Chapin Rose

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 730/5-5

Amends the Energy Transition Act. Provides that the term "community-based organization" also includes an entity that currently receives federal funding from the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. Effective immediately.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning revenue.

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

4 Section 5. The Energy Transition Act is amended by
5 changing Section 5-5 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 730/5-5)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on September 15, 2045)

8 Sec. 5-5. Definitions. As used in this Act:

9 "Apprentice" means a participant in an apprenticeship
10 program approved by and registered with the United States
11 Department of Labor's Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training.

12 "Apprenticeship program" means an apprenticeship and
13 training program approved by and registered with the United
14 States Department of Labor's Bureau of Apprenticeship and
15 Training.

16 "Black, indigenous, and people of color" or "BIPOC" means
17 people who are members of the groups described in
18 subparagraphs (a) through (e) of paragraph (A) of subsection
19 (1) of Section 2 of the Business Enterprise for Minorities,
20 Women, and Persons with Disabilities Act.

21 "Community-based organization ~~organizations~~" means an
22 organization that: (1) provides employment, skill development,
23 or related services to members of the community; (2) includes

1 community colleges, nonprofits, and local governments; (3) has
2 at least one main operating office in the community or region
3 it serves; and (4) demonstrates relationships with local
4 residents and other organizations serving the community.
5 "Community-based organization" also means an entity that
6 currently receives federal funding from the federal Workforce
7 Innovation and Opportunity Act.

8 "Department" means the Department of Commerce and Economic
9 Opportunity, unless the text solely specifies a particular
10 Department.

11 "Director" means the Director of Commerce and Economic
12 Opportunity.

13 "Equity eligible contractor" or "eligible contractor"
14 means:

15 (1) a business that is majority-owned by equity
16 investment eligible individuals or persons who are or have
17 been participants in the Clean Jobs Workforce Network
18 Program, Clean Energy Contractor Incubator Program,
19 Returning Residents Clean Jobs Training Program, Illinois
20 Climate Works Preapprenticeship Program, or Clean Energy
21 Primes Contractor Accelerator Program;

22 (2) a nonprofit or cooperative that is
23 majority-governed by equity investment eligible
24 individuals or persons who are or have been participants
25 in the Clean Jobs Workforce Network Program, Clean Energy
26 Contractor Incubator Program, Returning Residents Clean

1 Jobs Training Program, Illinois Climate Works
2 Preapprenticeship Program, or Clean Energy Primes
3 Contractor Accelerator Program; or

4 (3) an equity investment eligible person or an
5 individual who is or has been a participant in the Clean
6 Jobs Workforce Network Program, Clean Energy Contractor
7 Incubator Program, Returning Residents Clean Jobs Training
8 Program, Illinois Climate Works Preapprenticeship Program,
9 or Clean Energy Primes Contractor Accelerator Program and
10 who is offering personal services as an independent
11 contractor.

12 "Equity focused populations" means (i) low-income persons;
13 (ii) persons residing in equity investment eligible
14 communities; (iii) persons who identify as black, indigenous,
15 and people of color; (iv) formerly convicted persons; (v)
16 persons who are or were in the child welfare system; (vi)
17 energy workers; (vii) dependents of displaced energy workers;
18 (viii) women; (ix) LGBTQ+, transgender, or gender
19 nonconforming persons; (x) persons with disabilities; and (xi)
20 members of any of these groups who are also youth.

21 "Equity investment eligible community" and "eligible
22 community" are synonymous and mean the geographic areas
23 throughout Illinois which would most benefit from equitable
24 investments by the State designed to combat discrimination and
25 foster sustainable economic growth. Specifically, the eligible
26 community means the following areas:

1 (1) R3 Areas as established pursuant to Section 10-40
2 of the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act, where residents
3 have historically been excluded from economic
4 opportunities, including opportunities in the energy
5 sector; and

6 (2) Environmental justice communities, as defined by
7 the Illinois Power Agency pursuant to the Illinois Power
8 Agency Act, but excluding racial and ethnic indicators,
9 where residents have historically been subject to
10 disproportionate burdens of pollution, including pollution
11 from the energy sector.

12 "Equity investment eligible person" and "eligible person"
13 are synonymous and mean the persons who would most benefit
14 from equitable investments by the State designed to combat
15 discrimination and foster sustainable economic growth.
16 Specifically, eligible persons means the following people:

17 (1) persons whose primary residence is in an equity
18 investment eligible community;

19 (2) persons who are graduates of or currently enrolled
20 in the foster care system; or

21 (3) persons who were formerly incarcerated.

22 "Climate Works Hub" means a nonprofit organization
23 selected by the Department to act as a workforce intermediary
24 and to participate in the Illinois Climate Works
25 Preapprenticeship Program. To qualify as a Climate Works Hub,
26 the organization must demonstrate the following:

1 (1) the ability to effectively serve diverse and
2 underrepresented populations, including by providing
3 employment services to such populations;

4 (2) experience with the construction and building
5 trades;

6 (3) the ability to recruit, prescreen, and provide
7 preapprenticeship training to prepare workers for
8 employment in the construction and building trades; and

9 (4) a plan to provide the following:

10 (A) preparatory classes;

11 (B) workplace readiness skills, such as resume
12 preparation and interviewing techniques;

13 (C) strategies for overcoming barriers to entry
14 and completion of an apprenticeship program; and

15 (D) any prerequisites for acceptance into an
16 apprenticeship program.

17 (Source: P.A. 102-662, eff. 9-15-21.)

18 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
19 becoming law.