

**SB2618**



**104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**State of Illinois**

**2025 and 2026**

**SB2618**

Introduced 2/26/2025, by Sen. Sara Feigenholtz

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

Makes supplemental appropriations to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. Effective July 1, 2025.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning appropriations.

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

4           Section 5. The following named amounts, or so much thereof  
5       as may be necessary, respectively, are appropriated to the  
6       Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity:

## OFFICE OF TOURISM

## OPERATIONS

Payable from the Tourism Promotion Fund:

For administrative expenses and grants  
for the tourism program, including  
prior years' cost ..... 4,541,200

Payable from the Tourism Promotion Fund:

For grants, contracts, and administrative expenses  
associated with outdoor recreation, including  
prior years' costs ..... 2,500,000

For grants, contracts, and administrative expenses associated with advertising and promoting Illinois Tourism in domestic and international

markets, including prior years' costs ..... 44,000,000

22                   Section 10. The following named amounts, or so much  
23                   thereof

as may be necessary, respectively, are appropriated to the  
Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity:

## OFFICE OF TOURISM

## GRANTS

Payable from the International Tourism Fund:

### For Grants, Contracts and Administrative Expenses

Associated with the International Tourism Program

Pursuant to 20 ILCS 605/605-707, including prior

years' costs..... 4,000,000

10 Payable from the Commerce and Community Affairs

### Assistance Fund:

For grants, contracts, and administrative

expenses associated with federal awards

## for Travel, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation

Programs, including prior years' costs . . . . . 18,500,000

16 Payable from the Tourism Promotion Fund:

## For the Tourism Attraction Development

Grant Program Pursuant to 20 ILCS 665/8a.....1,800,000

For Purposes Pursuant to the Illinois

Promotion Act, 20 ILCS 665/4a-1 to

## Match Funds from Sources in the Private

Sector..... 600,000

## 23 For the Tourism Matching Grant Program

Pursuant to 20 ILCS 665/8-1 for

Counties under 1,000,000 .....

## For the Tourism Matching Grant Program

1	Pursuant to 20 ILCS 665/8-1 for	
2	Counties over 1,000,000 .....	<u>750,000</u>
3	Total	\$26,900,000
4	Payable from Local Tourism Fund:	
5	For Choose Chicago.....	4,712,900
6	For grants to Convention and Tourism Bureaus	
7	Bureaus Outside of Chicago .....	21,469,800
8	For grants, contracts, and administrative	
9	expenses associated with the	
10	Local Tourism and Convention Bureau	
11	Program pursuant to 20 ILCS 605/605-705	
12	including prior years' costs .....	<u>550,000</u>
13	Total	\$23,623,000

14       Section 15. The sum of \$15,000,000, or so much thereof as  
15       may be necessary and remains unexpended at the close of  
16       business on June 30, 2025, from an appropriation heretofore  
17       made for such purpose in Article 52, Section 40 of Public Act  
18       103-0589, is reappropriated from the Tourism Promotion Fund to  
19       the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity For grants  
20       and awards pursuant to 20 ILCS 665, including prior year  
21       costs.

22       Section 20. The sum of \$15,000,000, or so much thereof as  
23       may be necessary and remains unexpended at the close of  
24       business on June 30, 2025, from an appropriation heretofore

1 made for such purpose in Article 52, Section 45 of Public Act  
2 103-0589, is reappropriated from the Tourism Promotion Fund to  
3 the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a  
4 tourism incentives grant program pursuant to 20 ILCS 665/8a.

5 Section 25. The sum of \$15,000,000, or so much thereof as  
6 may be necessary, is appropriated from the Tourism Promotion  
7 Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity  
8 for a tourism incentives grant program pursuant to 20 ILCS  
9 665/8a.

10 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,  
11 2025.