

# SB3664



## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 605/605-1119 new

Amends the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Creates the Illinois Future of Energy Choice and Economic Impact Commission. Sets forth the membership of the Commission. Provides that the Commission has certain duties with respect to energy policy. Effective immediately.

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A BILL FOR

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 605-1119 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 605/605-1119 new)

8 Sec. 605-1119. Illinois Future of Energy Choice and  
9 Economic Impact Commission.

10 (a) The General Assembly is increasingly concerned with  
11 energy affordability, accessibility, resilience, and choice.  
12 In 2021, the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act (CEJA) set forth  
13 guidelines to advance clean energy policy and established  
14 clean energy goals in both the short term and the long term.  
15 Since the passage of that law, there have been several  
16 developments in the energy space that require a continued  
17 analysis and evaluation of emerging challenges, changing  
18 technologies, and solutions that address issues of  
19 reliability, cost, and energy choice. Some of these  
20 developments include (i) rapidly growing energy demand, (ii)  
21 demand for new investments in existing infrastructure, (iii)  
22 uncertainty in energy reliability, (iv) increased costs on  
23 both residential customers and commercial and industrial

1 users, (v) other State actions to expand energy sources,  
2 including nuclear development, (vi) new innovative energy  
3 solutions and technologies, (vii) the existing energy industry  
4 workforce and future workforce needs, (viii) economic impact  
5 of energy policies on a local, regional, and statewide basis,  
6 and (ix) other critical considerations. To meet these demands  
7 and to address continued challenges and solutions, it is  
8 necessary to establish a commission of industry stakeholders  
9 and regulators to have regular engagements to navigate growing  
10 challenges, inform best practices, and advise policymakers on  
11 industry-informed and customer-focused solutions that embrace  
12 a comprehensive solution to energy policy that supports the  
13 State's diverse energy industry, understands the needs of  
14 employers, energy industry stakeholders, and customers, and  
15 offers necessary, reasonable policy recommendations.

16 (b) The Illinois Future of Energy Choice and Economic  
17 Impact Commission is hereby created.

18 (c) The Commission shall consist of the following members:

19 (1) one member of the Senate, appointed by the  
20 President of the Senate;

21 (2) one member of the Senate, appointed by the  
22 Minority Leader of the Senate;

23 (3) one member of the House of Representatives,  
24 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

25 (4) one member of the House of Representatives,  
26 appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of

1 Representatives;

2 (5) the Director of the Illinois Power Agency or his  
3 or her designee;

4 (6) the Chairman of the Illinois Commerce Commission  
5 or his or her designee;

6 (7) the Director of the Illinois Environmental  
7 Protection Agency or his or her designee;

8 (8) the Director of Commerce and Economic Opportunity  
9 or his or her designee; the person serving under this item  
10 (8) shall serve as the Chair of the Commission;

11 (9) 2 members representing natural gas utilities,  
12 appointed by the Director of Commerce and Economic  
13 Opportunity;

14 (10) 2 members representing electric utilities,  
15 appointed by the Director of Commerce and Economic  
16 Opportunity;

17 (11) one member representing a statewide organization  
18 representing regulated municipalities and cooperatives,  
19 appointed by the Director of Commerce and Economic  
20 Opportunity;

21 (12) 2 members representing a statewide business  
22 organization, appointed by the Director of Commerce and  
23 Economic Opportunity;

24 (13) 2 members representing a statewide labor  
25 organization, appointed by the Director of Commerce and  
26 Economic Opportunity;

1           (14) one member representing the nuclear power  
2           industry in Illinois, appointed by the Director of  
3           Commerce and Economic Opportunity;

4           (15) one member representing a trade association that  
5           represents wind and solar electric generators, renewable  
6           transmission companies, and storage companies, appointed  
7           by the Director of Commerce and Economic Opportunity; and

8           (16) up to 2 additional members with expertise in  
9           energy policy, appointed by the Director of Commerce and  
10           Economic Opportunity, from the private sector or an  
11           institution of higher education in Illinois.

12           (d) The members of the Commission shall serve without  
13           compensation.

14           (e) The Commission shall meet at least quarterly to  
15           fulfill its duties under this Act.

16           (f) The Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity  
17           shall provide administrative support to the Commission.

18           (g) The Commission shall have the following duties:

19           (1) to analyze the feasibility of the State continuing  
20           to be a net exporter of energy, including identifying any  
21           limitations or possible burdens that may impact energy  
22           generation or delivery in Illinois and, if there are  
23           policies, either regulatory or statutory, in place that  
24           impact the State's ability to continue being a net  
25           exporter of energy, to identify solutions to prevent those  
26           policies from having further negative impact on the State;

1           (2) to analyze the impact of current energy policies  
2           on the State's economy, including identifying any negative  
3           impacts on workers in Illinois who are employed by  
4           utilities or energy sector industries that are reliant  
5           upon diverse energy sources, including natural gas,  
6           electricity, nuclear, and other sectors;

7           (3) to consider the viability of existing energy  
8           policies, adopted either through rule or legislation, that  
9           may be negatively impacting the State's ability to meet  
10           energy demands, support affordable energy prices, or  
11           support direct or indirect energy jobs; the Commission  
12           shall make recommendations to the Governor and the General  
13           Assembly for reasonable delays or elimination of certain  
14           established energy policy timelines, retirements, or  
15           disruptions;

16           (4) to generate recommendations or studies that may  
17           help inform future energy policy decisions based on  
18           actual, pessimistic, and optimistic forecasts concerning  
19           impacts on Illinois energy affordability, energy choices,  
20           workforce, economic development, resource adequacy, energy  
21           efficiency, and energy demands;

22           (5) to study all sources related to or impacting  
23           energy costs in Illinois, looking to industry data and  
24           other sources that may provide insights into possible  
25           regulations, policies, or federal, State, or local  
26           pressures on the industry or customers;

1           (6) to allow for public comments to be submitted on  
2           behalf of individuals, organizations, or other  
3           stakeholders that may help inform the work of the  
4           Commission; and

5           (7) to identify opportunities and barriers to ensure  
6           that State agencies are endorsing an inclusive approach to  
7           energy policy that reasonably supports existing energy  
8           sources and infrastructure and explores new technologies.

9           (h) The Commission shall report to the Governor and the  
10          General Assembly by December 1 of each year on its activities,  
11          findings, and recommendations.

12          (i) This Section is repealed on December 31, 2030.

13           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
14          becoming law.