

1 AN ACT concerning employment.

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

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Job  
5 Training Assistance and Support Services Pilot Program Act.

6 Section 5. Purpose. The purpose of the Job Training  
7 Assistance and Support Services Pilot Program is to address  
8 significant barriers to individuals participating in  
9 apprenticeships, including, but not limited to, lack of  
10 affordable and reliable transportation, lack of affordable and  
11 high-quality childcare, and other barriers that may prohibit a  
12 worker from retaining employment. The Pilot Program may  
13 provide barrier reduction funding for eligible individuals  
14 participating in registered apprenticeship,  
15 pre-apprenticeship, or work-based learning programs such as an  
16 internship, paid work experience, transitional jobs training,  
17 on-the-job training, or incumbent worker programs administered  
18 by the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

19 Section 10. Job Training Assistance and Support Services  
20 Pilot Program.

21 (a) The Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity  
22 shall, subject to appropriation, develop a Job Training

1 Assistance and Support Services Pilot Program. The Department  
2 of Commerce and Economic Opportunity shall award grants to  
3 organizations to distribute subsidies to qualifying  
4 individuals. To be eligible for assistance under the Pilot  
5 Program, an individual is required to participate in a  
6 registered apprenticeship program, pre-apprenticeship program  
7 as defined by the United States Department of Labor, or  
8 work-based learning programs, such as an internship, paid work  
9 experience, transitional jobs training, on-the-job training,  
10 or incumbent worker programs administered by the Department of  
11 Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

12 (b) The assistance provided by the Pilot Program may  
13 include funds for transportation, child care, housing-related  
14 expenses, including, but not limited to, rent and utilities,  
15 transportation, child care, digital technology needs,  
16 education needs, mental health services, substance abuse  
17 services, income support, and work-related supplies that are  
18 not typically covered by programmatic supportive services.

19 Section 15. Report. No later than January 1, 2028, the  
20 Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity shall submit  
21 to the Governor and the General Assembly a report that  
22 evaluates the results of the Pilot Program and its  
23 effectiveness in assisting Pilot Program participants in  
24 entering the workforce or in obtaining better employment. The  
25 report shall include a recommendation regarding whether to

1 renew the Pilot Program, and if renewal is recommended, if the  
2 Pilot Program should be expanded or otherwise enhanced.

3 Section 20. Rules. The Department of Commerce and Economic  
4 Opportunity shall adopt all rules necessary for the  
5 implementation of the Pilot Program created under this Act.

6 Section 25. Repeal. This Act is repealed on January 1,  
7 2029.