

1 AN ACT concerning education.

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

4 Section 5. The Southern Illinois University Management Act  
5 is amended by changing Sections 2 and 6.6 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 520/2) (from Ch. 144, par. 652)

7 Sec. 2. The Board shall consist of 7 members appointed by  
8 the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate,  
9 ~~the Superintendent of Public Instruction, or his chief~~  
10 ~~assistant for liaison with higher education when designated to~~  
11 ~~serve in his place, ex officio,~~ and 2 voting student members,  
12 one from each campus of the University. Each student member  
13 shall be chosen by the respective campuses of Southern  
14 Illinois University at Carbondale and Edwardsville. The method  
15 of choosing these student members shall be by campus-wide  
16 student election. The student members shall serve terms of one  
17 year beginning on July 1 of each year, except that the student  
18 members initially selected shall serve a term beginning on the  
19 date of such selection and expiring on the next succeeding  
20 June 30. To be eligible for selection as a student member and  
21 to be eligible to remain as a student member of the Board, a  
22 student member must be a resident of this State, must have and  
23 maintain a grade point average that is equivalent to at least

1 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, and must be a full-time student enrolled at  
2 all times during his or her term of office except for that part  
3 of the term which follows the completion of the last full  
4 regular semester of an academic year and precedes the first  
5 full regular semester of the succeeding academic year at the  
6 university (sometimes commonly referred to as the summer  
7 session or summer school). If a student member serving on the  
8 Board fails to continue to meet or maintain the residency,  
9 minimum grade point average, or enrollment requirement  
10 established by this Section, his or her membership on the  
11 Board shall be deemed to have terminated by operation of law.  
12 No more than 4 of the members appointed by the Governor shall  
13 be affiliated with the same political party. Each member  
14 appointed by the Governor must be a resident of this State. A  
15 failure to meet or maintain this residency requirement  
16 constitutes a resignation from and creates a vacancy in the  
17 Board. Upon the expiration of the terms of members appointed  
18 by the Governor, their respective successors shall be  
19 appointed for terms of 6 years from the third Monday in January  
20 of each odd-numbered year and until their respective  
21 successors are appointed for like terms. If the Senate is not  
22 in session appointments shall be made as in the case of  
23 vacancies.

24 (Source: P.A. 101-175, eff. 1-1-20.)

25 (110 ILCS 520/6.6)

1           Sec. 6.6. The Illinois Ethanol Research Advisory Board.

2           (a) There is established the Illinois Ethanol Research  
3 Advisory Board (the "Advisory Board").

4           (b) The Advisory Board shall be composed of 14 ~~13~~ members  
5 including: the President of Southern Illinois University who  
6 shall be Chairman; the Director of Commerce and Economic  
7 Opportunity; the Director of Agriculture; the President of the  
8 Illinois Corn Growers Association; the President of the  
9 National Corn Growers Association; the President of the  
10 Renewable Fuels Association; the Dean of the College of  
11 Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Science, University  
12 of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana; the Dean of the College of  
13 Agricultural, Life, and Physical Sciences, Southern Illinois  
14 University at Carbondale, and 6 at-large members appointed by  
15 the Governor representing the ethanol industry, growers,  
16 suppliers, and universities.

17           (c) The 6 at-large members shall serve a term of 4 years.  
18 The Advisory Board shall meet at least annually or at the call  
19 of the Chairman. At any time a majority of the Advisory Board  
20 may petition the Chairman for a meeting of the Board. Seven  
21 members of the Advisory Board shall constitute a quorum.

22           (d) The Advisory Board shall:

23           (1) Review the annual operating plans and budget of  
24 the National Corn-to-Ethanol Research Pilot Plant.

25           (2) Advise on research and development priorities and  
26 projects to be carried out at the Corn-to-Ethanol Research

1 Pilot Plant.

2 (3) Advise on policies and procedures regarding the  
3 management and operation of the ethanol research pilot  
4 plant. This may include contracts, project selection, and  
5 personnel issues.

6 (4) Develop bylaws.

7 (5) Submit a final report to the Governor and General  
8 Assembly outlining the progress and accomplishments made  
9 during the year along with a financial report for the  
10 year.

11 (6) Establish and operate, subject to specific  
12 appropriation for the purpose of providing facility  
13 operating funds, the National Corn-to-Ethanol Research  
14 Center at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville as  
15 a State Biorefining Center of Excellence with the  
16 following purposes and goals:

17 (A) To utilize interdisciplinary,  
18 interinstitutional, and industrial collaborations to  
19 conduct research.

20 (B) To provide training and services to the  
21 ethanol fuel industry to make projects and training to  
22 advance the biofuels industry in the State more  
23 affordable for the institutional and industrial  
24 bodies, including, but not limited to, Illinois  
25 farmer-owned ethanol cooperatives.

26 (C) To coordinate near-term industry research

1 needs and laboratory services by identifying needs and  
2 pursuing federal and other funding sources.

3 (D) To develop and provide hands-on training to  
4 prepare students for the biofuels workforce and train  
5 workforce reentrants.

6 (E) To serve as an independent, third-party source  
7 for review, testing, validation standardization, and  
8 definition in areas of industry need.

9 (F) To provide seminars, tours, and informational  
10 sessions advocating renewable energy.

11 (G) To provide consultation services and  
12 information for those interested in renewable energy.

13 (H) To develop demonstration projects by pursuing  
14 federal and other funding sources.

15 (e) The Advisory Board established by this Section is a  
16 continuation, as changed by the Section, of the Board  
17 established under Section 8a of the Energy Conservation and  
18 Coal Act and repealed by this amendatory Act of the 92nd  
19 General Assembly.

20 (Source: P.A. 94-793, eff. 5-19-06; 95-99, eff. 1-1-08.)

21 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
22 becoming law.