

SB3941



102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2021 and 2022

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Introduced 1/21/2022, by Sen. Elgie R. Sims, Jr.

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

30 ILCS 105/5.970 new
30 ILCS 105/6z-130 new

Amends the State Finance Act. Creates the Growing Manufacturing Jobs Fund as a special fund in the State treasury. Provides that moneys in the Fund shall be administered by the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, in consultation with a statewide manufacturing association, for the purpose of establishing and operating a statewide marketing campaign to increase the number of people entering high-demand manufacturing occupations. Provides findings provisions. Makes conforming changes.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning finance.

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

4 Section 1. Findings. The General Assembly finds and
5 declares the following:

6 The Illinois manufacturing sector is critical to the
7 success of our State and nation. Recent events, including the
8 global pandemic, supply chain shortages, and lack of workforce
9 have led to struggles in the manufacturing sector.

10 Illinois manufacturers employ 554,000 women and men on
11 factory floors today in jobs that average nearly \$88,000 in
12 wages and benefits with 92% of employees receiving
13 employer-funded health care. Manufacturers provide the single
14 largest share of Illinois' gross State product, but are
15 challenged to find skilled workers.

16 National labor data shows that the United States now has
17 more than 1,000,000 open manufacturing jobs, which is the
18 highest recorded level in history and more than double the
19 unfilled jobs in February 2020. It is imperative that Illinois
20 work with the statewide manufacturing associations, colleges
21 and universities, K-12 school districts, economic development
22 officials, and individual companies to attract and recruit
23 workers into the manufacturing sector.

24 The State of Illinois' 5-year economic plan calls for a

1 statewide marketing campaign to showcase manufacturing
2 careers, in support of this plan it is important that Illinois
3 fund a marketing campaign for high-demand manufacturing
4 occupations.

5 Section 5. The State Finance Act is amended by adding
6 Sections 5.970 and 6z-130 as follows:

7 (30 ILCS 105/5.970 new)

8 Sec. 5.970. The Growing Manufacturing Jobs Fund.

9 (30 ILCS 105/6z-130 new)

10 Sec. 6z-130. Growing Manufacturing Jobs Fund. The Growing
11 Manufacturing Jobs Fund is hereby created as a special fund in
12 the State treasury. Subject to appropriation, moneys in the
13 Fund shall be administered by the Department of Commerce and
14 Economic Opportunity, in consultation with a statewide
15 manufacturing association, for the purpose of establishing and
16 operating a statewide marketing campaign to increase the
17 number of people entering high-demand manufacturing
18 occupations.