

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 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Job
5 Training and Workforce Development Transparency Act.

6 Section 5. Findings; legislative intent.

7 (a) The General Assembly finds that the State of Illinois
8 allocates millions of dollars annually to various job training
9 and workforce development programs to enhance the skills and
10 employability of its residents.

11 (b) The General Assembly further finds that the effective
12 utilization of public funds requires a transparent and
13 accountable system to track the outcomes and impacts of
14 State-funded job training programs.

15 (c) It has come to the attention of the General Assembly
16 that there are currently programs receiving substantial State
17 funding that lack a systematic and comprehensive tracking
18 mechanism for assessing their success and impact on the
19 targeted populations.

20 (d) The lack of standardized reporting on the allocation
21 and effectiveness of these funds raises concerns regarding the
22 State's ability to measure the return on investment, ensure
23 equity in program access, and make informed decisions on

1 resource allocation for future initiatives.

2 (e) The intent of this Act is to require the Department of
3 Commerce and Economic Opportunity, in collaboration with
4 affected State agencies, to compile a detailed report within
5 one year after the effective date of this Act, providing a
6 comprehensive overview of all State-funded job training and
7 workforce development programs in Illinois.

8 (f) By enacting this legislation, the General Assembly
9 aims to ensure that Illinois residents receive maximum benefit
10 from State-funded programs and that the State can make
11 informed policy decisions based on a thorough understanding of
12 the impact and outcomes of these initiatives.

13 (g) It is the further intent of the General Assembly that
14 the reporting requirements established by this Act serve as a
15 mechanism to identify successful programs, areas for
16 improvement, and potential areas of duplication or overlap in
17 order to optimize the efficiency and effectiveness of
18 State-funded job training and workforce development efforts.

19 Section 10. Reporting requirements.

20 (a) Within one year after the effective date of this Act,
21 the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, in
22 coordination with relevant State agencies, shall compile a
23 report concerning all State-funded job training and workforce
24 development programs in this State.

25 (b) The report shall identify each State-funded job

1 training and workforce development program in this State and
2 provide, at a minimum, the following information about each
3 program:

4 (1) the name of the State agency that appropriated the
5 funding for the program;

6 (2) the source of the funding for the program;

7 (3) the name and location of the organizations that
8 received funding under the program;

9 (4) the population served by the organizations that
10 received funding and the demographic breakdown of that
11 population; and

12 (5) the outcomes of the program, including, but not
13 limited to:

14 (A) number of participants enrolled;

15 (B) demographic breakdown of participants;

16 (C) type of training provided;

17 (D) duration of the program;

18 (E) employment placement rate;

19 (F) wage growth and advancement of participants;

20 (G) retention rates in the workforce; and

21 (H) any additional metrics deemed necessary by the
22 Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

23 Section 15. Coordination with State agencies. The
24 Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity shall
25 collaborate with relevant State agencies to ensure the timely

1 and accurate collection of information required for the report
2 described in Section 10.

3 Section 20. Publication and accessibility. The Department
4 of Commerce and Economic Opportunity shall submit the report
5 described in Section 10 to the General Assembly and make the
6 report accessible to the public on the Department's website no
7 later than one year after the effective date of this Act.

8 Section 25. Department contracts. The Department of
9 Commerce and Economic Opportunity may contract with the
10 statewide Illinois Longitudinal Data System (ILDS) to carry
11 out the provisions of this Act.

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