



## 93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

#### 2003 and 2004

Introduced 02/04/04, by Wyvetter H. Younge

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Empowerment Zone and Enterprise Community School Facility Act. Provides that the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity and the University of Illinois' Urban School Improvement Program shall implement an EZ/EC program to develop and demonstrate mechanisms to attract federal resources and private sector investments to administer the program and support the repair, renovation, and improvement of school buildings and facilities in communities designated under federal law or regulations as Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities. Specifies types of demonstration methods that employ federal EZ/EC incentives to leverage private investment in support of improving school buildings and facilities. Provides for implementation of the EZ/EC program in conjunction with schools in communities located in Chicago, East St. Louis, and Springfield. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT relating to school facilities.

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  
5 Empowerment Zone and Enterprise Community School Facility  
6 Improvement Act.

7 Section 5. Creation of program. The Illinois Empowerment  
8 Zone and Enterprise Community School Facility Improvement  
9 Program (hereinafter called the EZ/EC program) is hereby  
10 created, to be administered and implemented by the Department  
11 of Commerce and Economic Opportunity and the University of  
12 Illinois' Urban School Improvement Program.

13 Section 10. EZ/EC program objectives. The Department of  
14 Commerce and Economic Opportunity and the Urban School  
15 Improvement Program at the University of Illinois shall develop  
16 and demonstrate mechanisms under which significant federal and  
17 private sector resources and investment are (i) accessed to  
18 support administration of the EZ/EC program, and (ii) allocated  
19 and made available to support the repair, renovation, and  
20 improvement of school buildings and facilities located in  
21 Illinois communities that have been designated as Empowerment  
22 Zones and Enterprise Communities under aligned federal laws and  
23 regulations which recognize the role that training and  
24 education play in supporting community economic development.

25 Section 15. Administration of program. The program shall  
26 be administered by the Department of Commerce and Economic  
27 Opportunity and the University of Illinois' Urban School  
28 Improvement Program in conjunction with schools in communities  
29 located in Chicago, East St. Louis, and Springfield. The  
30 program shall be administered to demonstrate effective methods

1 to employ federal Empowerment Zone/Enterprise Community  
2 program incentives to leverage private investment in support of  
3 improving school buildings and facilities in Illinois  
4 Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities. The methods  
5 shall include (i) utilization of shared savings long-term  
6 contracts, (ii) establishment of EZ/EC program investment  
7 cooperatives, and (iii) development of an EZ/EC program School  
8 Facility Special Private Activity Bond Program.

9 Section 20. Authority to accept and expend funds. In the  
10 exercise of their responsibilities under this Act, the  
11 Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity and the  
12 University of Illinois' Urban School Improvement Program may  
13 accept and expend gifts, endowments, and federal funds made  
14 available for purposes consistent with the administration and  
15 implementation of this Act.

16 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
17 becoming a law.