

**SB1686**



**94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
**State of Illinois**  
**2005 and 2006**  
**SB1686**

Introduced 2/24/2005, by Sen. William R. Haine

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

110 ILCS 520/6.6

Amends the Southern Illinois University Management Act. Provides that the Illinois Ethanol Research Advisory Board shall establish and operate, subject to specific appropriation for the purpose of providing facility operating funds, the National Corn-to-Ethanol Research Center at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville as a State Biorefining Center of Excellence. Sets forth the purposes and goals of the Center.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

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 Section 6.6 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 520/6.6)

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

8 (a) There is established the Illinois Ethanol Research  
9 Advisory Board (the "Advisory Board").

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

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

26 (d) The Advisory Board shall:

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

29 (2) Advise on research and development priorities and  
30 projects to be carried out at the Corn-to-Ethanol Research  
31 Pilot Plant.

32 (3) Advise on policies and procedures regarding the

1 management and operation of the ethanol research pilot  
2 plant. This may include contracts, project selection, and  
3 personnel issues.

4 (4) Develop bylaws.

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

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

14 (A) To utilize interdisciplinary,  
15 interinstitutional, and industrial collaborations to  
16 conduct research.

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

23 (C) To coordinate near-term industry research  
24 needs and laboratory services by identifying needs and  
25 pursuing federal and other funding sources.

26 (D) To develop and provide hands-on training to  
27 prepare students for the biofuels workforce and train  
28 workforce reentrants.

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

32 (F) To provide seminars, tours, and informational  
33 sessions advocating renewable energy.

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

36 (H) To develop demonstration projects by pursuing

1           federal and other funding sources.

2           (e) The Advisory Board established by this Section is a  
3 continuation, as changed by the Section, of the Board  
4 established under Section 8a of the Energy Conservation and  
5 Coal Act and repealed by this amendatory Act of the 92nd  
6 General Assembly.

7           (Source: P.A. 92-736, eff. 7-25-02; revised 12-6-03.)