

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 Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency, and
5 Coal Resources Development Law of 1997 is amended by adding
6 Section 6-5.5 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 687/6-5.5 new)

8 Sec. 6-5.5. Renewable energy grants.

9 (a) Subject to appropriation, the Department may establish
10 and operate a renewable energy grant program to assist school
11 districts in the installation, acquisition, construction, and
12 improvement of renewable energy resources in the public
13 schools, including without limitation solar energy (such as
14 solar panels), geothermal energy, and wind energy.

15 (b) Application for a grant under this Section must be in
16 the form and manner established by the Department. The grant
17 shall cover 50% of the cost for which the grant is sought, up
18 to a maximum grant of \$1,000,000, if the applicant school
19 district is able to demonstrate that it has funds to pay the
20 other 50% of the cost. The school district may accept private
21 funds for its portion of the cost.

22 (c) The Department may adopt any rules that are necessary
23 to carry out its responsibilities under this Section.

1 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
2 2007.