

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 5. The Department of Commerce and Economic
5 Opportunity Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is
6 amended by adding Section 605-407 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 605/605-407 new)

8 Sec. 605-407. New Generation Manufacturing Competitiveness
9 Council.

10 (a) The New Generation Manufacturing Competitiveness
11 Council is created within the Department for the purpose of
12 advocating, coordinating, and implementing policies to help
13 manufacturers in the State compete in the global marketplace.

14 (b) The Council, the make-up of which must reflect the
15 diversity of the citizens of the State of Illinois, shall
16 consist of 21 members, as follows:

17 (1) the Director, or his or her designee, who shall
18 serve as the co-chairperson of the Council;

19 (2) the Director of the Illinois Department of
20 Agriculture, or his or her designee, who shall serve as
21 co-chairperson of the Council;

22 (3) seven members who are manufacturing executives of
23 Illinois-based businesses, one from a business that is

1 headquartered within the City of Chicago, 4 from businesses
2 that are headquartered within Cook County (outside of the
3 City of Chicago) or within Lake, McHenry, DuPage, Kane, or
4 Will counties, and 2 from businesses that are headquartered
5 outside of the Chicagoland area;

6 (4) two members from organizations representing
7 manufacturers, which may include, but not be limited to,
8 the Illinois Manufacturers Association, the Alliance for
9 Illinois Manufacturing, the Illinois State Chamber of
10 Commerce, and the Tooling and Manufacturing Association;

11 (5) two members employed by community colleges in the
12 State, one of which is located within the Chicagoland area
13 and the other of which is located outside of the
14 Chicagoland area;

15 (6) two members employed by research universities in
16 the State, one of which is located within the Chicagoland
17 area and the other of which is located outside of the
18 Chicagoland area;

19 (7) one member from a for-profit institution of higher
20 education in the State;

21 (8) four members appointed, one each, by the President
22 of the Senate, the Minority Leader of the Senate, the
23 Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Minority
24 Leader of the House of Representatives; and

25 (9) one member, appointed by the Governor, who
26 represents a labor organization.

1 The Director must appoint the members to the Council set forth
2 under items (3) through (7) of this subsection, and each of the
3 members set forth under item (3) must be appointed from a
4 business firm with not less than 40 and not more than 100
5 employees and with annual revenues of not less than \$3,000,000
6 and not more than \$22,500,000. For the purpose of this
7 subsection, "Chicagoland area" means the Counties of Cook,
8 Lake, McHenry, DuPage, Kane, and Will.

9 (c) The members of the Council shall serve without
10 compensation, but may be reimbursed for their reasonable
11 expenses from funds appropriated for that purpose.

12 (d) In performing its duties and functions under this
13 Section, the Council must study and develop procedures to be
14 used by the State to:

15 (1) create conditions for economic growth and
16 manufacturing investment;

17 (2) identify new regional, national, and international
18 markets;

19 (3) strengthen education, retraining, and economic
20 diversification in the State;

21 (4) partner with educational and technological
22 institutions;

23 (5) increase research and development and encourage
24 innovation;

25 (6) assist manufacturers in the State to retool for new
26 products; and

1 (7) develop a technology transfer and
2 commercialization program.

3 (e) The Department must provide administrative and
4 technical assistance to the Council. The Council shall meet at
5 the call of the chairperson and must meet at least 4 times each
6 year. The Council must present its findings and recommendations
7 to the Governor and to the General Assembly no later than
8 December 31 of each year.