

# SB3379



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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 1315/10  
20 ILCS 1315/15  
20 ILCS 1315/20  
20 ILCS 1315/40  
20 ILCS 1315/45

Amends the Illinois Youthbuild Act. Authorizes the Department of Juvenile Justice, the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, the Department of Corrections, the Department of Transportation, and the Department of Human Services to make grants to applicants for the purpose of carrying out Youthbuild programs. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

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 Illinois Youthbuild Act is amended by  
5 changing Sections 10, 15, 20, 40, and 45 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 1315/10)

7 Sec. 10. Definitions. In this Act:

8 "Applicant" means a public or private not-for-profit  
9 agency eligible to provide education and employment training  
10 under federal or State employment training programs.

11 "Department" means each of the following Departments:

12 (1) the Department of Juvenile Justice;

13 (2) the Department of Commerce and Economic  
14 Opportunity;

15 (3) the Department of Corrections;

16 (4) the Department of Transportation; and

17 (5) the Department of Human Services.

18 ~~"Secretary" means the Secretary of Human Services.~~

19 "Very low-income" means a person or household whose income  
20 is at or below 50% of the median family income, adjusted for  
21 household size, for the county where the household is located.

22 "Youthbuild" means any program that provides disadvantaged  
23 youth with opportunities for employment, education, leadership

1 development, entrepreneurial skills development, and training  
2 in the construction or rehabilitation of housing for special  
3 need populations, very low-income households, or low-income  
4 households.

5 (Source: P.A. 90-247, eff. 1-1-98.)

6 (20 ILCS 1315/15)

7 Sec. 15. Program requirements. Each Department ~~The~~  
8 ~~Secretary~~ shall, subject to appropriation, make grants to  
9 applicants for the purpose of carrying out Youthbuild programs  
10 as approved under this Section. All programs funded pursuant to  
11 the provisions of this Section shall reflect strong youth and  
12 community involvement. In addition, funding provided under  
13 this Section shall be used by each Youthbuild program to  
14 provide, at a minimum, the following services:

15 (a) Acquisition, rehabilitation, acquisition and  
16 rehabilitation, or construction of housing and related  
17 facilities to be used for the purpose of providing home  
18 ownership for disadvantaged persons, residential housing  
19 for homeless individuals, and low-income and very  
20 low-income families, or transitional housing for persons  
21 who are homeless, have disabilities, are ill, are  
22 deinstitutionalized, or have special needs, and  
23 rehabilitation or construction of community facilities  
24 owned by not-for-profit or public agencies.

25 (b) Integrated education and job skills training

1 services and activities which are evenly divided within the  
2 program, with 50% of students' time spent in  
3 classroom-based instruction, counseling, and leadership  
4 development instruction and 50% of their time spent in  
5 experiential training on the construction site. The  
6 programs shall include, at a minimum, the following  
7 elements:

8 (1) An education component which includes basic  
9 skills instruction, secondary education services, and  
10 other activities designed to lead to the attainment of  
11 a high school diploma or its equivalent. The curriculum  
12 for this component shall include math, language arts,  
13 vocational education, life skills training, social  
14 studies related to the cultural and community history  
15 of the students, leadership skills, and other topics at  
16 the discretion of the programs. Bilingual services  
17 shall be available for individuals with  
18 limited-English proficiency. The desired minimum  
19 teacher to student ratio shall be one teacher for every  
20 18 students.

21 (2) A work experience and skills training  
22 component program that includes the construction and  
23 rehabilitation activities described in subsection (a).  
24 The process of construction must be coupled with skills  
25 training and with close on-site supervision by  
26 experienced trainers. The curriculum for this

1 component shall contain a set of locally agreed upon  
2 skills and competencies that are systematically  
3 taught, with a student's mastery assessed individually  
4 on a regular, ongoing basis. Safety skills shall be  
5 taught at the outset. The desired trainer to student  
6 ratio shall be one trainer for every 7 students. The  
7 work experience and skills training component shall be  
8 coordinated to the maximum extent feasible with  
9 preapprenticeship and apprenticeship programs.

10 (3) Assistance in attaining post secondary  
11 education and required financial aid shall be made  
12 available to participants prior to graduation.

13 (c) Counseling services designed to assist  
14 participants to positively participate in society, which  
15 should include all of the following if necessary: outreach,  
16 assessment, and orientation; individual and peer  
17 counseling; life skills training, drug and alcohol abuse  
18 education and prevention; and referral to appropriate drug  
19 rehabilitation, medical, mental health, legal, housing,  
20 and other services and resources in the community. The  
21 desired counselor to participant ratio shall be one  
22 counselor for every 28 students.

23 (d) Leadership development training that provides  
24 participants with meaningful opportunities to develop  
25 leadership skills such as decision making, problem  
26 solving, and negotiating. The program must also encourage

1 participants to develop strong peer group ties that support  
2 their mutual pursuit of skills and values.

3 All programs must establish a youth council in which  
4 participants are afforded opportunities to develop public  
5 speaking and negotiating skills, and management and policy  
6 making participation in specific aspects of the program.

7 (e) Stipends and wages. A training subsidy, living  
8 allowance, or stipend that will be no less than minimum  
9 wage must be provided to program participants for the time  
10 spent at the worksite in construction training. For those  
11 participants who receive public assistance, this training  
12 subsidy, living allowance, or stipend will not affect their  
13 housing benefits, medical benefits, child care benefits or  
14 food stamp benefits. Stipends and wages may be distributed  
15 in a manner that offers incentives for good performance.

16 (f) Full time participation in a Youthbuild program  
17 shall be offered for a period of not less than 6 months and  
18 not more than 24 months.

19 (g) A concentrated effort shall be made to find  
20 construction, construction-related, and nonconstruction  
21 jobs for all graduates of the program who have performed  
22 well. The skills training curriculum shall provide  
23 participants with basic preparation for seeking and  
24 maintaining a job. Follow-up counseling and assistance in  
25 job-seeking shall also be provided to participants for at  
26 least 12 months following graduation from the program.

1 (h) All programs serving 28 trainees or more are  
2 required to have a full-time director responsible for the  
3 coordination of all aspects of the Youthbuild program.

4 (Source: P.A. 95-524, eff. 8-28-07.)

5 (20 ILCS 1315/20)

6 Sec. 20. Eligible activities. Implementation grants may be  
7 used to carry out the activities listed in Section 15. Other  
8 eligible activities include the following:

9 (a) Legal fees for housing acquisition.

10 (b) Administrative costs of the applicant which may not  
11 exceed 15% of the amount of assistance provided, or such higher  
12 percentage as the Department Secretary determines is necessary  
13 to support capacity development of a private nonprofit  
14 community-based organization.

15 (c) Defraying costs for the ongoing training and technical  
16 assistance needs of the recipient that are related to  
17 developing and carrying out the Youthbuild program including:

18 (1) Each Department ~~The Secretary~~ may reserve up to 5%  
19 of the Illinois Youthbuild program funds appropriated to  
20 that Department appropriations to enter into a contract  
21 with Youthbuild USA to provide assistance to that  
22 Department ~~the Secretary~~ in the provision of training and  
23 to technical assistance to, or in the management,  
24 supervision, and coordination of, Youthbuild programs  
25 under this Act.

1 (Source: P.A. 90-247, eff. 1-1-98.)

2 (20 ILCS 1315/40)

3 Sec. 40. Application requirements. Each Department shall  
4 develop an application for Youthbuild funds under this Act.  
5 Those applications shall ~~The Secretary shall require that an~~  
6 ~~application for Youthbuild funds under this Act~~ contain at a  
7 minimum:

8 (1) a request for an implementation grant, specifying  
9 the amount of the grant requested and its proposed uses;

10 (2) a description of the applicant and a statement of  
11 its qualifications, including a description of the  
12 applicant's past experience running a Youthbuild program,  
13 and with housing rehabilitation or construction and with  
14 youth and youth education, youth leadership development  
15 and employment training programs, and its relationship  
16 with local unions and youth apprenticeship programs, and  
17 other community groups;

18 (3) a description of the proposed construction site for  
19 the program and evidence of site control;

20 (4) a description of the educational and job training  
21 activities, work opportunities, and other services that  
22 will be provided to participants;

23 (5) a description of the proposed construction or  
24 rehabilitation activities to be undertaken and the  
25 anticipated schedule for carrying out such activities;



1           (6) a description of the manner in which eligible  
2 youths will be recruited and selected, including a  
3 description of the arrangements which will be made with  
4 community-based organizations, local educational agencies,  
5 including agencies of Native American nations, public  
6 assistance agencies, the courts of jurisdiction for status  
7 and youth offenders, shelters for homeless individuals and  
8 other agencies that serve homeless youth, foster care  
9 agencies, and other appropriate public and private  
10 agencies;

11           (7) a description of the special efforts that will be  
12 undertaken to recruit eligible young women (including  
13 young women with dependent children) with appropriate  
14 supports, especially childcare;

15           (8) a description of how the proposed program will be  
16 coordinated with other federal, State, and local  
17 activities and activities conducted by Native American  
18 nations, including public schools, national service, crime  
19 prevention programs, vocational, adult, and bilingual  
20 education programs, and job training;

21           (9) assurances that there will be a sufficient number  
22 of adequately trained supervisory personnel in the program  
23 who have attained the level of journeyman or its  
24 equivalent;

25           (10) a description of the applicant's relationship  
26 with any local building trade unions which may exist,

1 regarding their involvement in training, and the  
2 relationship of the Youthbuild program with registered  
3 apprenticeship programs;

4 (11) a description of activities that will be  
5 undertaken to develop the leadership skills of  
6 participants, including their role in decision making;

7 (12) a detailed budget and a description of the system  
8 of fiscal controls and auditing and accountability  
9 procedures that will be used to ensure fiscal soundness;

10 (13) a description of any contracts and arrangements  
11 entered into between the applicant and other agencies and  
12 entities including all in-kind donations and grants from  
13 both public and private entities that will serve to augment  
14 Illinois Youthbuild Act funds;

15 (14) identification and description of the financing  
16 proposed for any:

17 (A) acquisition of the property;

18 (B) rehabilitation; or

19 (C) construction;

20 (15) identification and description of the entity that  
21 will operate and manage the property;

22 (16) a certification that the applicant will comply  
23 with the requirements of the Fair Housing Act, Title VI of  
24 the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the  
25 Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Age Discrimination Act  
26 of 1975, and will affirmatively further fair housing; and

1           (17) the qualifications and past experience of the  
2           person who will fill the full-time program director  
3           position.

4           (Source: P.A. 95-524, eff. 8-28-07.)

5           (20 ILCS 1315/45)

6           Sec. 45. Annual report. The Departments shall jointly ~~The~~  
7           ~~Department of Human Services shall~~ prepare an annual report  
8           summarizing costs and outcome data associated with the  
9           Youthbuild programs. The report must include, but not be  
10          limited to, the following information: (i) the number of  
11          participants in the program, (ii) the average cost per  
12          participant, (iii) the number of participants who achieve a  
13          high school diploma or its equivalent, and (iv) the number of  
14          projects completed by Youthbuild participants during that  
15          year. The Departments ~~The Department~~ must submit the report to  
16          the General Assembly by July 1, 2008 and by July 1 of each year  
17          thereafter.

18          (Source: P.A. 95-524, eff. 8-28-07.)

19          Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
20          becoming law.