

1 AN ACT concerning strategic planning.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The State and Regional Development Strategy
5 Act is amended by changing Section 20-10 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 695/20-10)

7 Sec. 20-10. Strategic Planning. The Department of
8 Commerce and Community Affairs may ~~has the following powers:~~
9 ~~By no later than February 1, 2000, the Department shall~~
10 prepare an economic development strategy for Illinois ~~for the~~
11 ~~period beginning on July 1, 2000 and ending on June 30, 2005,~~
12 ~~and for the 4 years next ensuing.~~ By no later than February
13 1, 2001 2000 and biennially annually thereafter, the
14 Department may shall make modifications in the economic
15 development strategy ~~for the 4 years beginning on the next~~
16 ~~ensuing July 1~~ as the modifications are warranted by changes
17 in economic conditions or by other factors, including changes
18 in policy, ~~and shall prepare an economic development strategy~~
19 ~~for the fifth year beginning after the next ensuing July 1.~~
20 In preparing the strategy and in making modifications to the
21 strategy, the Department may shall take cognizance of the
22 special economic attributes of the various component areas of
23 the State.

24 (1) The "component areas" shall be determined by
25 the Department ~~after a county-by-county economic analysis~~
26 and may shall group counties that are close in
27 geographical proximity and share common economic traits
28 such as commuting zones, labor market areas, or other
29 economically integrated regions.

30 (2) The strategy may shall recommend actions
31 ~~specific legislative, administrative, and programmatic~~

1 action-at-beth-the-State-and--area--level for promoting
 2 sustained economic growth at or above national rates of
 3 economic growth while-keeping-the--rate--of--unemployment
 4 below-national-levels-of-unemployment.

5 (3) The strategy may shall include an assessment of
 6 historical patterns of economic activity for the State as
 7 a--whole--and-by-area, and projections of future economic
 8 trends using for-the--State--as--a--whole--and--by--area,
 9 national economic trends and projections for comparative
 10 purposes shall-be-considered-in-the--formulation--of--the
 11 State--and-area-projeectiens. All assumptions made in the
 12 formulation of the economic State--and--area projections
 13 shall be clearly and explicitly set forth in the
 14 strategy.

15 (4) The strategy may shall identify,--for-each-area,
 16 those community economic improvement characteristics that
 17 most-likely will positively influence whether--the--area
 18 will--exceed--or--fall--below the rate of overall State
 19 economic growth.

20 (5) The strategy may shall recommend actions
 21 programmattie--action--to--be--taken to foster and promote
 22 economic growth in-speeifie-areas, taking into account
 23 indigenous the resources and prevalent economic factors
 24 indigeneous-to-the-areas.

25 (A) The strategy may shall identify for--the
 26 State---and---each---region the critical business
 27 development approaches being considered or to be
 28 considered. The approaches may include, but are not
 29 limited to: investment recruitment, such as industry
 30 attraction, expansion and retention; trade
 31 development efforts including international trade,
 32 support for small businesses' efforts to export
 33 products and services, tourism attraction and
 34 development including cultural tourism; technology

1 development efforts including technology
 2 commercialization and manufacturing modernization;
 3 and business development efforts, including
 4 entrepreneurship and entrepreneurial education,
 5 small business management assistance, and business
 6 financing.

7 (B) The strategy may shall identify for the
 8 State and each region the critical workforce
 9 training and development approaches being considered
 10 or to be considered. The approaches may include, but
 11 are not limited to: customized job training,
 12 retraining and skill upgrading, economic adjustment,
 13 job creation and addressing labor shortages in areas
 14 of high demand; the market for and quality of the
 15 local labor force; the quality of the education and
 16 workforce infrastructure; and related issues.

17 (C) The strategy may shall identify ~~for the~~
 18 ~~State--and--each--region~~ the critical community
 19 development approaches being considered or to be
 20 considered. The approaches may include, but are not
 21 limited to: community growth management such as
 22 regional planning and smart growth; area
 23 revitalization including brownfields redevelopment
 24 and facility reuse; and family self-sufficiency such
 25 as through housing conservation and economic
 26 opportunity.

27 (D) The strategy may shall identify ~~for the~~
 28 ~~State-and-each-region~~ the critical public facilities
 29 development approaches being considered or to be
 30 considered. The approaches may include, but are not
 31 limited to: local public services; the local,
 32 regional, and State tax and regulatory climate; the
 33 physical infrastructure, including communications
 34 and transportation systems; the capacity of area

1 utilities; and the quality of public institutions
2 such as schools.

3 (E) The strategy may shall identify for--the
4 State-and-each-region the other critical marketplace
5 systems, including: the financial marketplace; the
6 competitive advantages of the area in terms of
7 natural resources, capital resources or technology
8 resources; and other factors affecting area
9 development.

10 (6) In preparing the strategy or modifications to
11 the strategy, the Department may shall work with State
12 agencies, boards, and commissions whose programs and
13 activities significantly affect economic activity in the
14 State including---the---Illinois---Development--Finance
15 Authority, the-Department-of-Revenue, the--Department--of
16 Transportation, --the--Department--of-Employment-Security,
17 the-Department-of-Agriculture, the-Department-of--Natural
18 Resources, the-Environmental-Protection-Agency, and-other
19 agencies, --boards, --or--commissions as appropriate. The
20 Directors of the agencies, boards, and commissions shall
21 provide the assistance to the Department as the Governor
22 deems appropriate.

23 (7) In preparing the strategy or the modifications
24 to the strategy strategies-for-the-component-areas, the
25 Department may shall consult with local and regional
26 economic development organizations, local elected
27 officials, community-based organizations, service
28 delivery providers, and other organizations whose
29 programs and activities significantly affect economic
30 activity in-the-area.

31 (8) In preparing the economic-development strategy
32 or the modifications to the strategy, the Department may
33 shall take into consideration any decisions or
34 recommendations related to programs, services, and

1 government regulations contained--in--the--strategy that
2 have been rendered as a result of a Statewide Performance
3 Review.

4 (9) The strategy shall be presented to the
5 Governor, the President and Minority Leader of the
6 Senate, the Speaker and Minority Leader of the House of
7 Representatives, the members of the Illinois Economic
8 Development Board, and the Chair of the Economic and
9 Fiscal Commission on February 1, 2001 2000 and
10 biennially annually thereafter, as warranted by changes
11 in economic conditions or by other factors, including
12 changes in policy.

13 (10) The strategy shall be published and made
14 available to the public in both paper and electronic
15 media.

16 (Source: P.A. 91-476, eff. 8-11-99.)

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