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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 1570

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 1570 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

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 605-333 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 605/605-333 new)

8 Sec. 605-333. School Wind and Solar Generation Program.

9 (a) There is created the School Wind and Solar Generation
10 Program to fund wind generation projects and solar generation
11 projects for school districts and community college districts.
12 The Department shall implement and administer this program.
13 Under the program, the Department shall provide to school
14 districts and community college districts that apply, full or
15 partial low-interest loans for, without limitation,
16 engineering studies, feasibility studies, research studies,

1 and construction costs for wind generation projects and solar
2 generation projects. The loan funds, subject to appropriation,
3 shall be paid out of the School Wind and Solar Generation
4 Revolving Loan Fund. All repayments of loans shall be deposited
5 into the School Wind and Solar Generation Revolving Loan Fund.

6 (b) The Department shall make available information
7 regarding the School Wind and Solar Generation Program to all
8 school districts and community college districts in this State.

9 (c) Receiving a loan under this Section does not disqualify
10 a district from being eligible for other Department funding
11 programs regarding energy.

12 (d) For each of the fiscal years 2010 through 2014, the
13 State Comptroller may order transferred and the State Treasurer
14 may transfer \$5,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund and other
15 State funds to the School Wind and Solar Generation Revolving
16 Loan Fund. The School Wind and Solar Generation Revolving Loan
17 Fund is created as a special fund in the State treasury. The
18 School Wind and Solar Generation Revolving Loan Fund shall
19 consist of any moneys transferred or appropriated into the
20 School Wind and Solar Generation Revolving Loan Fund, as well
21 as all repayments of loans made under the School Wind and Solar
22 Generation Program. All interest earned on moneys in the School
23 Wind and Solar Generation Revolving Loan Fund shall be
24 deposited into the Fund. All money in the School Wind and Solar
25 Generation Revolving Loan Fund must be used, subject to
26 appropriation, by the Department for the purposes of this

1 Section. The School Wind and Solar Generation Revolving Loan
2 Fund shall not be subject to sweeps, administrative charges or
3 chargebacks or any other fiscal or budgetary maneuver that
4 would in any way result in the transfer of any funds from the
5 School Wind and Solar Generation Revolving Loan Fund to any
6 other fund of the State or having any such funds utilized for
7 any purpose other than for the purposes of this Section.

8 (e) The Department may accept additional funding for the
9 School Wind and Solar Generation Program from the federal
10 government and private donations.

11 (f) The Department may adopt any rules necessary to
12 implement this Section.

13 Section 7. The Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency, and
14 Coal Resources Development Law of 1997 is amended by changing
15 Section 6-5.5 as follows:

16 (20 ILCS 687/6-5.5)

17 (Section scheduled to be repealed on December 12, 2015)

18 Sec. 6-5.5. Renewable energy grants.

19 (a) Subject to appropriation, the Department may establish
20 and operate a renewable energy grant program to assist public
21 schools and community colleges with engineering studies and
22 feasibility studies and ~~school districts~~ in the installation,
23 acquisition, construction, and improvement of renewable energy
24 resources ~~in the public schools~~, including without limitation

1 solar energy (such as solar panels), geothermal energy, and
2 wind energy.

3 (b) Application for a grant under this Section must be in
4 the form and manner established by the Department. ~~The grant~~
5 ~~shall cover 50% of the cost for which the grant is sought, up~~
6 ~~to a maximum grant of \$1,000,000, if the applicant school~~
7 ~~district is able to demonstrate that it has funds to pay the~~
8 ~~other 50% of the cost.~~ The schools and community colleges
9 ~~school district~~ may accept private funds for their ~~its~~ portion
10 of the cost.

11 (c) The Department may adopt any rules that are necessary
12 to carry out its responsibilities under this Section.
13 (Source: P.A. 95-46, eff. 8-10-07.)

14 Section 10. The State Finance Act is amended by adding
15 Section 5.719 as follows:

16 (30 ILCS 105/5.719 new)

17 Sec. 5.719. The School Wind and Solar Generation Revolving
18 Loan Fund.

19 Section 15. The School Code is amended by changing Sections
20 10-20.42 and 34-18.36 as follows:

21 (105 ILCS 5/10-20.42)

22 Sec. 10-20.42. Wind and solar farms ~~farm~~. A school

1 district may own and operate a wind or solar generation turbine
2 farm, either individually or jointly with a unit of local
3 government, school district, or community college district
4 that is authorized to own and operate a wind or solar
5 generation turbine farm, that directly or indirectly reduces
6 the energy or other operating costs of the school district. The
7 school district may ask for the assistance of any State agency,
8 including without limitation the State Board of Education, the
9 Illinois Power Agency, or the Environmental Protection Agency,
10 in obtaining financing options for a wind or solar generation
11 turbine farm.

12 (Source: P.A. 95-390, eff. 8-23-07; 95-805, eff. 8-12-08;
13 95-876, eff. 8-21-08.)

14 (105 ILCS 5/34-18.36)

15 Sec. 34-18.36. Wind and solar farms ~~farm~~. The school
16 district may own and operate a wind or solar generation turbine
17 farm, either individually or jointly with a unit of local
18 government, school district, or community college district
19 that is authorized to own and operate a wind or solar
20 generation turbine farm, that directly or indirectly reduces
21 the energy or other operating costs of the school district. The
22 school district may ask for the assistance of any State agency,
23 including without limitation the State Board of Education, the
24 Illinois Power Agency, or the Environmental Protection Agency,
25 in obtaining financing options for a wind or solar generation

1 turbine farm.

2 (Source: P.A. 95-390, eff. 8-23-07; 95-805, eff. 8-12-08;
3 95-876, eff. 8-21-08.)

4 Section 20. The Public Community College Act is amended by
5 changing Section 3-42.3 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 805/3-42.3)

7 Sec. 3-42.3. Wind and solar farms ~~farm~~. To own and operate
8 a wind or solar generation turbine farm, either individually or
9 jointly with a unit of local government, school district, or
10 community college district that is authorized to own and
11 operate a wind or solar generation turbine farm, that directly
12 or indirectly reduces the energy or other operating costs of
13 the community college district. The board may ask for the
14 assistance of any State agency, including without limitation
15 the State Board, the Illinois Power Agency, or the
16 Environmental Protection Agency, in obtaining financing
17 options for a wind or solar generation turbine farm.

18 (Source: P.A. 95-390, eff. 8-23-07; 95-805, eff. 8-12-08.)

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