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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 3827

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 3827 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Urban Weatherization Initiative Act is
5 amended by changing Sections 40-10, 40-20, and 40-40 as
6 follows:

7 (30 ILCS 738/40-10)

8 Sec. 40-10. Urban Weatherization Initiative established;
9 purpose.

10 (a) The Urban Weatherization Initiative is created. The
11 Initiative shall be administered by the Department of Commerce
12 and Economic Opportunity in consultation with other
13 appropriate State agencies and overseen by the Weatherization
14 Initiative Board.

15 (b) The purpose of the Urban Weatherization Initiative is
16 to promote the State's interest in reducing the impact of high

1 energy costs on low-income households. The Initiative seeks to
2 increase employment and entrepreneurship opportunities through
3 the installation and manufacturing of low-cost weatherization
4 materials. In particular, the Initiative is intended to
5 weatherize owner-occupied, single family homes and
6 multi-family (6 units or fewer) housing in census tracts with
7 high rates of unemployment, underemployment, and poverty and to
8 ensure that residents of those communities are able to access
9 the work as a local employment engine. The Initiative also
10 seeks to implement outreach strategies to increase awareness of
11 cost savings and job training services associated with the
12 program.

13 (c) The efforts of the Urban Weatherization Initiative
14 shall be coordinated with those of federal weatherization
15 programs, including, but not limited to, the weatherization
16 programs of the United States Department of Energy. The
17 Department shall administer the Initiative so as to qualify for
18 any federal grant or matching programs that may from time to
19 time be offered to the State of Illinois or any political
20 subdivision thereof.

21 (Source: P.A. 96-37, eff. 7-13-09.)

22 (30 ILCS 738/40-20)

23 Sec. 40-20. Award of grants.

24 (a) The Department shall award grants under this Article
25 using a competitive request-for-proposal process administered

1 by the Department and overseen by the Board. No more than 2% of
2 funds used for grants may be retained by the Department for
3 administrative costs, program evaluation, and technical
4 assistance activities.

5 (b) The Department must award grants competitively in
6 accordance with the priorities described in this Article.
7 Grants must be awarded in support of the implementation,
8 expansion, or implementation and expansion of weatherization
9 and job training programs consistent with the priorities
10 described in this Article. Strategies for grant use include,
11 but are not limited to, the following:

12 (1) Repair or replacement of inefficient heating and
13 cooling units.

14 (2) Addressing of air infiltration with weather
15 stripping, caulking, thresholds, minor repairs to walls,
16 roofs, ceilings, and floors, and window and door
17 replacement.

18 (3) Repair or replacement of water heaters.

19 (4) Pipe, duct, or pipe and duct insulation.

20 (c) Portions of grant funds may be used for:

21 (1) Work-aligned training in weatherization skill
22 sets, including skills necessary for career advancement in
23 the energy efficiency field.

24 (2) Basic skills training, including soft-skill
25 training, and other workforce development services,
26 including mentoring, job development, support services,

1 transportation assistance, and wage subsidies tied to
2 training and employment in weatherization.

3 (d) All grant applicants must include a comprehensive plan
4 for local community engagement. Grant recipients may devote a
5 portion of awarded funds to conduct outreach activities
6 designed to assure that eligible households and relevant
7 workforce populations are made aware of the opportunities
8 available under this Article. A portion of outreach activities
9 must occur in convenient, local intake centers, including but
10 not limited to churches, local schools, and community centers.

11 (e) Any private, public, and non-profit entities that
12 provide, or demonstrate desire and ability to provide,
13 weatherization services that act to decrease the impact of
14 energy costs on low-income areas and incorporate an effective
15 local employment strategy are eligible grant applicants.

16 (f) For grant recipients, maximum per unit expenditure
17 shall not exceed \$10,000 ~~\$6,500~~.

18 (g) A grant recipient may not be awarded grants totaling
19 more than \$2,000,000 ~~\$500,000~~ per fiscal year.

20 (h) A grant recipient may not use more than 15% of its
21 total grant amount for administrative expenses.

22 (Source: P.A. 96-37, eff. 7-13-09.)

23 (30 ILCS 738/40-40)

24 Sec. 40-40. Weatherization Initiative Board.

25 (a) The Weatherization Initiative Board is created within

1 the Department. The Board must approve or deny all grants from
2 the Fund.

3 (a-5) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article,
4 the Board has the authority to direct the Department to
5 authorize the awarding of grants to applicants serving areas or
6 populations not included in the target areas and populations
7 set forth in Section 40-25 if the Board determines that there
8 are special circumstances involving the areas or populations
9 served by the applicant.

10 (b) The Board shall consist of 5 voting members appointed
11 by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. The
12 initial members shall have terms as follows as designated by
13 the Governor: one for one year, one for 2 years, one for 3
14 years, one for 4 years, and one for 5 years, or until a
15 successor is appointed and qualified. Thereafter, members
16 shall serve 5-year terms or until a successor is appointed and
17 qualified. Two voting members shall have experience in
18 residential weatherization or energy efficiency; one voting
19 member shall have experience in workforce development. The
20 voting members shall elect a voting member to serve as chair
21 for a one-year term. Vacancies shall be filled in the same
22 manner for the balance of a term.

23 (c) The Board shall also have 4 non-voting ex officio
24 members appointed as follows: one Representative appointed by
25 the Speaker of the House, one Representative appointed by the
26 House Minority Leader, one Senator appointed by the President

1 of the Senate, and one Senator appointed by the Senate Minority
2 Leader, each to serve at the pleasure of the appointing
3 authority.

4 (d) Members shall receive no compensation, but may be
5 reimbursed for necessary expenses from appropriations to the
6 Department available for that purpose.

7 (e) The Board may adopt rules under the Illinois
8 Administrative Procedure Act.

9 (f) A quorum of the Board is at least 3 voting members, and
10 the affirmative vote of at least 3 voting members is required
11 for Board decisions and adoption of rules.

12 (g) The Department shall provide staff and administrative
13 assistance to the Board.

14 (h) By May ~~December~~ 31 of each year, the Board shall file
15 an annual report with the Governor and the General Assembly
16 concerning the Initiative, grants awarded, and grantees and
17 making recommendations for any changes needed to enhance the
18 effectiveness of the Initiative.

19 (Source: P.A. 96-37, eff. 7-13-09.)".