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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

35 ILCS 5/211
35 ILCS 10/5-10
35 ILCS 10/5-15
35 ILCS 10/5-20
35 ILCS 10/5-25
35 ILCS 10/5-40
35 ILCS 10/5-45
35 ILCS 10/5-50
35 ILCS 10/5-55

Amends the Economic Development for a Growing Economy Tax Credit Act and the Illinois Income Tax Act. Provides that, for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2015, each taxpayer that demonstrates completion of a project in Illinois during the taxable year that involves (i) an investment by the taxpayer of at least \$1,000,000 in capital improvements to be placed into service in Illinois and (ii) the employment of at least 5 new employees in Illinois is entitled to an EDGE credit. Provides that the amount of the credit shall be determined by multiplying the taxpayer's income tax rate by the average wage of the jobs created and then multiplying the result by the number of jobs created.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY

1 AN ACT concerning revenue.

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

- Section 5. The Illinois Income Tax Act is amended by changing Section 211 as follows:
- 6 (35 ILCS 5/211)
- Sec. 211. Economic Development for a Growing Economy Tax 8 Credit.
- 9 (a) For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1999, and beginning prior to January 1, 2015, a Taxpayer who has 10 entered into an Agreement under the Economic Development for a 11 Growing Economy Tax Credit Act is entitled to a credit against 12 the taxes imposed under subsections (a) and (b) of Section 201 13 14 of this Act in an amount to be determined in the Agreement. If the Taxpayer is a partnership or Subchapter S corporation, the 15 16 credit shall be allowed to the partners or shareholders in 17 accordance with the determination of income and distributive share of income under Sections 702 and 704 and subchapter S of 18 19 the Internal Revenue Code. The Department, in cooperation with 20 the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, shall 21 prescribe rules to enforce and administer the provisions of 22 this Section. This Section is exempt from the provisions of Section 250 of this Act. 2.3

The credit shall be subject to the conditions set forth in the Agreement and the following limitations:

- (1) The tax credit shall not exceed the Incremental Income Tax (as defined in Section 5-5 of the Economic Development for a Growing Economy Tax Credit Act) with respect to the project.
- (2) The amount of the credit allowed during the tax year plus the sum of all amounts allowed in prior years shall not exceed 100% of the aggregate amount expended by the Taxpayer during all prior tax years on approved costs defined by Agreement.
- (3) The amount of the credit shall be determined on an annual basis. Except as applied in a carryover year pursuant to Section 211(4) of this Act, the credit may not be applied against any State income tax liability in more than 10 taxable years; provided, however, that (i) an eligible business certified by the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity under the Corporate Headquarters Relocation Act may not apply the credit against any of its State income tax liability in more than 15 taxable years and (ii) credits allowed to that eligible business are subject to the conditions and requirements set forth in Sections 5-35 and 5-45 of the Economic Development for a Growing Economy Tax Credit Act.
- (4) The credit may not exceed the amount of taxes imposed pursuant to subsections (a) and (b) of Section 201

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of this Act. Any credit that is unused in the year the credit is computed may be carried forward and applied to the tax liability of the 5 taxable years following the excess credit year. The credit shall be applied to the earliest year for which there is a tax liability. If there are credits from more than one tax year that are available to offset a liability, the earlier credit shall be applied first.

- (5) No credit shall be allowed with respect to any Agreement for any taxable year endina after the Noncompliance Date. Upon receiving notification by the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity of noncompliance of a Taxpayer with an Agreement, Department shall notify the Taxpayer that no credit is allowed with respect to that Agreement for any taxable year ending after the Noncompliance Date, as stated in such notification. If any credit has been allowed with respect to an Agreement for a taxable year ending after the Noncompliance Date for that Agreement, any refund paid to the Taxpayer for that taxable year shall, to the extent of that credit allowed, be an erroneous refund within the meaning of Section 912 of this Act.
- (6) For purposes of this Section, the terms "Agreement", "Incremental Income Tax", and "Noncompliance Date" have the same meaning as when used in the Economic Development for a Growing Economy Tax Credit Act.

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(b) For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2015, a taxpayer that demonstrates completion of a project in Illinois during the taxable year that involves (i) an investment by the taxpayer of at least \$1,000,000 in capital improvements to be placed into service in Illinois and (ii) the employment of at least 5 new employees in Illinois, as "new employee" is defined in Section 5-5 of the Economic Development for a Growing Economy Tax Credit Act, is entitled to a credit against the taxes imposed under subsections (a) and (b) of Section 201 of this Act in an amount determined by multiplying the rate of tax set forth in subsection (b) of Section 201 for that taxpayer by the average wage of the jobs created, as certified by the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, and then multiplying the result by the number of jobs created, as certified by the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. The Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity shall certify both the eliqibility of the taxpayer to receive credits under this Section and the wage and employment information set forth in this subsection (b). If the Taxpayer is a partnership or Subchapter S corporation, the credit shall be allowed to the partners or shareholders in accordance with the determination of income and distributive share of income under Sections 702 and 704 and

The credit may not exceed the amount of taxes imposed pursuant to subsections (a) and (b) of Section 201 of this Act.

subchapter S of the Internal Revenue Code.

- 1 Any credit that is unused in the year the credit is computed
- 2 may be carried forward and applied to the tax liability of the
- 3 <u>5 taxable years following the excess credit year. The credit</u>
- 4 shall be applied to the earliest year for which there is a tax
- 5 liability. If there are credits from more than one tax year
- 6 that are available to offset a liability, the earlier credit
- 7 shall be applied first.
- 8 Nothing in this subsection (b) shall invalidate any tax
- 9 credit award entered into prior to the effective date of this
- amendatory Act of the 98th General Assembly.
- This Section is exempt from the provisions of Section 250
- of this Act.
- 13 (Source: P.A. 94-793, eff. 5-19-06.)
- 14 Section 10. The Economic Development for a Growing Economy
- 15 Tax Credit Act is amended by changing Sections 5-10, 5-15,
- 16 5-20, 5-25, 5-40, 5-45, 5-50, and 5-55 as follows:
- 17 (35 ILCS 10/5-10)
- 18 Sec. 5-10. Powers of the Department. The Department, in
- 19 addition to those powers granted under the Civil Administrative
- 20 Code of Illinois, is granted and shall have all the powers
- 21 necessary or convenient to carry out and effectuate the
- 22 purposes and provisions of this Act, including, but not limited
- 23 to, power and authority to:
- 24 (a) Promulgate procedures, rules, or regulations deemed

- 1 necessary and appropriate for the administration of the
- 2 programs; establish forms for applications, notifications,
- 3 contracts, or any other agreements; and, for taxable years
- 4 <u>beginning prior to January 1, 2015,</u> accept applications at any
- 5 time during the year.
- 6 (b) Provide and assist Taxpayers pursuant to the provisions
- of this Act, and cooperate with Taxpayers that are parties to
- 8 Agreements to promote, foster, and support economic
- 9 development, capital investment, and job creation or retention
- 10 within the State.
- 11 (c) For taxable years beginning prior to January 1, 2015,
- 12 <u>enter</u> into agreements and memoranda of understanding for
- participation of and engage in cooperation with agencies of the
- 14 federal government, local units of government, universities,
- 15 research foundations or institutions, regional economic
- development corporations, or other organizations for the
- 17 purposes of this Act.
- 18 (d) Gather information and conduct inquiries, in the manner
- 19 and by the methods as it deems desirable, including without
- 20 limitation, gathering information with respect to Applicants
- 21 and Taxpayers for the purpose of making any designations or
- certifications, including certifications under subsection (b)
- of Section 211 of the Illinois Income Tax Act, necessary or
- desirable or to gather information to assist the Committee with
- 25 any recommendation or guidance in the furtherance of the
- 26 purposes of this Act.

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- (e) For taxable years beginning prior to January 1, 2015, establish Establish, negotiate and effectuate any term, agreement or other document with any person, necessary or appropriate to accomplish the purposes of this Act; and to consent, subject to the provisions of any Agreement with another party, to the modification or restructuring of any Agreement to which the Department is a party.
- (f) Prior to January 1, 2015, fix Fix, determine, charge, and collect any premiums, fees, charges, costs, and expenses from Applicants, including, without limitation, anv application fees, commitment fees, program fees, financing charges, or publication fees as deemed appropriate to pay incident the expenses necessary or to administration, staffing, or operation in connection with the Department's or Committee's activities under this Act, or for preparation, implementation, and enforcement of the terms of the Agreement, or for consultation, advisory and legal fees, and other costs; however, all fees and expenses incident thereto shall be the responsibility of the Applicant.
 - for sufficient (q) Provide personnel to administration, staffing, operation, and related support required adequately discharge its duties to and responsibilities described in this Act from funds available through charges to Applicants or from funds as may be appropriated by the General Assembly for the administration of this Act.

- (h) Require Applicants <u>and Taxpayers</u>, upon written request, to issue any necessary authorization to the appropriate federal, state, or local authority for the release of information concerning a project being considered under the provisions of this Act, with the information requested to include, but not be limited to, financial reports, returns, or records relating to the Taxpayers' or its project.
- (i) Require that a Taxpayer shall at all times keep proper books of record and account in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles consistently applied, with the books, records, or papers related to the Agreement in the custody or control of the Taxpayer open for reasonable Department inspection and audits, and including, without limitation, the making of copies of the books, records, or papers, and the inspection or appraisal of any of the Taxpayer or project assets.
- (j) Take whatever actions are necessary or appropriate to protect the State's interest in the event of bankruptcy, default, foreclosure, or noncompliance with the terms and conditions of financial assistance or participation required under this Act, including the power to sell, dispose, lease, or rent, upon terms and conditions determined by the Director to be appropriate, real or personal property that the Department may receive as a result of these actions.
- 25 (Source: P.A. 91-476, eff. 8-11-99.)

- 1 (35 ILCS 10/5-15)
- Sec. 5-15. Tax Credit Awards. Subject to the conditions set
- 3 forth in this Act, for taxable years beginning prior to January
- 4 1, 2015, a Taxpayer is entitled to a Credit against or, as
- 5 described in subsection (g) of this Section, a payment towards
- 6 taxes imposed pursuant to subsections (a) and (b) of Section
- 7 201 of the Illinois Income Tax Act that may be imposed on the
- 8 Taxpayer for a taxable year beginning on or after January 1,
- 9 1999, if the Taxpayer is awarded a Credit by the Department
- 10 under this Act for that taxable year.
- 11 (a) The Department shall make Credit awards under this Act
- to foster job creation and retention in Illinois.
- 13 (b) A person that proposes a project to create new jobs in
- 14 Illinois must enter into an Agreement with the Department for
- 15 the Credit under this Act.
- 16 (c) The Credit shall be claimed for the taxable years
- 17 specified in the Agreement.
- 18 (d) The Credit shall not exceed the Incremental Income Tax
- 19 attributable to the project that is the subject of the
- 20 Agreement.
- 21 (e) Nothing herein shall prohibit a Tax Credit Award to an
- 22 Applicant that uses a PEO if all other award criteria are
- 23 satisfied.
- 24 (f) In lieu of the Credit allowed under this Act against
- 25 the taxes imposed pursuant to subsections (a) and (b) of
- 26 Section 201 of the Illinois Income Tax Act for any taxable year

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- ending on or after December 31, 2009, the Taxpayer may elect to claim the Credit against its obligation to pay over withholding under Section 704A of the Illinois Income Tax Act.
 - (1) The election under this subsection (f) may be made only by a Taxpayer that (i) is primarily engaged in one of the following business activities: water purification and motor vehicle metal stamping, treatment, automobile manufacturing, automobile and light duty motor vehicle manufacturing, motor vehicle manufacturing, light truck and utility vehicle manufacturing, heavy duty truck manufacturing, motor vehicle body manufacturing, cable television infrastructure design or manufacturing, wireless telecommunication or computing terminal device design or manufacturing for use on public networks and (ii) meets the following criteria:
 - (A) the Taxpayer (i) had an Illinois net loss or an Illinois net loss deduction under Section 207 of the Illinois Income Tax Act for the taxable year in which the Credit is awarded, (ii) employed a minimum of 1,000 full-time employees in this State during the taxable year in which the Credit is awarded, (iii) has an Agreement under this Act on December 14, 2009 (the effective date of Public Act 96-834), and (iv) is in compliance with all provisions of that Agreement;
 - (B) the Taxpayer (i) had an Illinois net loss or an Illinois net loss deduction under Section 207 of the

Illinois Income Tax Act for the taxable year in which the Credit is awarded, (ii) employed a minimum of 1,000 full-time employees in this State during the taxable year in which the Credit is awarded, and (iii) has applied for an Agreement within 365 days after December 14, 2009 (the effective date of Public Act 96-834);

- (C) the Taxpayer (i) had an Illinois net operating loss carryforward under Section 207 of the Illinois Income Tax Act in a taxable year ending during calendar year 2008, (ii) has applied for an Agreement within 150 days after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly, (iii) creates at least 400 new jobs in Illinois, (iv) retains at least 2,000 jobs in Illinois that would have been at risk of relocation out of Illinois over a 10-year period, and (v) makes a capital investment of at least \$75,000,000;
- (D) the Taxpayer (i) had an Illinois net operating loss carryforward under Section 207 of the Illinois Income Tax Act in a taxable year ending during calendar year 2009, (ii) has applied for an Agreement within 150 days after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly, (iii) creates at least 150 new jobs, (iv) retains at least 1,000 jobs in Illinois that would have been at risk of relocation out of Illinois over a 10-year period, and (v) makes a capital investment of at least \$57,000,000; or

(E) the Taxpayer (i) employed at least 2,500 full-time employees in the State during the year in which the Credit is awarded, (ii) commits to make at least \$500,000,000 in combined capital improvements and project costs under the Agreement, (iii) applies for an Agreement between January 1, 2011 and June 30, 2011, (iv) executes an Agreement for the Credit during calendar year 2011, and (v) was incorporated no more than 5 years before the filing of an application for an Agreement.

(1.5) The election under this subsection (f) may also be made by a Taxpayer for any Credit awarded pursuant to an agreement that was executed between January 1, 2011 and June 30, 2011, if the Taxpayer (i) is primarily engaged in the manufacture of inner tubes or tires, or both, from natural and synthetic rubber, (ii) employs a minimum of 2,400 full-time employees in Illinois at the time of application, (iii) creates at least 350 full-time jobs and retains at least 250 full-time jobs in Illinois that would have been at risk of being created or retained outside of Illinois, and (iv) makes a capital investment of at least \$200,000,000 at the project location.

(1.6) The election under this subsection (f) may also be made by a Taxpayer for any Credit awarded pursuant to an agreement that was executed within 150 days after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 97th General

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Assembly, if the Taxpayer (i) is primarily engaged in the operation of a discount department store, (ii) maintains its corporate headquarters in Illinois, (iii) employs a minimum of 4,250 full-time employees at its corporate headquarters in Illinois at the time of application, (iv) retains at least 4,250 full-time jobs in Illinois that would have been at risk of being relocated outside of Illinois, (v) had a minimum of \$40,000,000,000 in total revenue in 2010, and (vi) makes a capital investment of at least \$300,000,000 at the project location.

(1.7) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the election under this subsection (f) may also be made by a Taxpayer for any Credit awarded pursuant to an agreement that was executed or applied for on or after July 1, 2011 and on or before March 31, 2012, if the Taxpayer is primarily engaged in the manufacture of original and aftermarket filtration parts and products for automobiles, motor vehicles, light duty motor vehicles, light trucks and utility vehicles, and heavy duty trucks, (ii) employs a minimum of 1,000 full-time employees in Illinois at the time of application, (iii) creates at least 250 full-time in Illinois, relocates iobs (iv) its corporate headquarters to Illinois from another state, and (v) makes a capital investment of at least \$4,000,000 at the project location.

(2) An election under this subsection shall allow the

credit to be taken against payments otherwise due under Section 704A of the Illinois Income Tax Act during the first calendar year beginning after the end of the taxable year in which the credit is awarded under this Act.

- (3) The election shall be made in the form and manner required by the Illinois Department of Revenue and, once made, shall be irrevocable.
- (4) If a Taxpayer who meets the requirements of subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) of this subsection (f) elects to claim the Credit against its withholdings as provided in this subsection (f), then, on and after the date of the election, the terms of the Agreement between the Taxpayer and the Department may not be further amended during the term of the Agreement.
- under this Act, its shareholders, or its partners may treat some or all of the credit awarded pursuant to this Act as a tax payment for purposes of the Illinois Income Tax Act. The term "tax payment" means a payment as described in Article 6 or Article 8 of the Illinois Income Tax Act or a composite payment made by a pass-through entity on behalf of any of its shareholders or partners to satisfy such shareholders' or partners' taxes imposed pursuant to subsections (a) and (b) of Section 201 of the Illinois Income Tax Act. In no event shall the amount of the award credited pursuant to this Act exceed the Illinois income tax liability of the pass-through entity or

- 1 its shareholders or partners for the taxable year.
- 2 For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2015,
- 3 tax credits shall be awarded as provided in subsection (b) of
- 4 Section 211 of the Illinois Income Tax Act.
- 5 (Source: P.A. 96-834, eff. 12-14-09; 96-836, eff. 12-16-09;
- 6 96-905, eff. 6-4-10; 96-1000, eff. 7-2-10; 96-1534, eff.
- 7 3-4-11; 97-2, eff. 5-6-11; 97-636, eff. 6-1-12.)
- 8 (35 ILCS 10/5-20)
- 9 Sec. 5-20. Application for a project to create and retain
- 10 new jobs.
- 11 (a) For taxable years beginning prior to January 1, 2015,
- 12 any Any Taxpayer proposing a project located or planned to be
- 13 located in Illinois may request consideration for designation
- of its project, by formal written letter of request or by
- 15 formal application to the Department, in which the Applicant
- 16 states its intent to make at least a specified level of
- 17 investment and intends to hire or retain a specified number of
- 18 full-time employees at a designated location in Illinois. As
- 19 circumstances require, the Department may require a formal
- 20 application from an Applicant and a formal letter of request
- 21 for assistance.
- 22 (b) In order to qualify for Credits under this Act, an
- 23 Applicant's project must:
- 24 (1) involve an investment of at least \$5,000,000 in
- capital improvements to be placed in service and to employ

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- at least 25 New Employees within the State as a direct result of the project;
 - (2) involve an investment of at least an amount (to be expressly specified by the Department and the Committee) in capital improvements to be placed in service and will employ at least an amount (to be expressly specified by the Department and the Committee) of New Employees within the State, provided that the Department and the Committee have determined that the project will provide a substantial economic benefit to the State; or
 - (3) if the applicant has 100 or fewer employees, involve an investment of at least \$1,000,000 in capital improvements to be placed in service and to employ at least 5 New Employees within the State as a direct result of the project.
 - (c) After receipt of an application, the Department may enter into an Agreement with the Applicant if the application is accepted in accordance with Section 5-25.
- 19 (Source: P.A. 93-882, eff. 1-1-05.)
- 20 (35 ILCS 10/5-25)
- 21 Sec. 5-25. Review of Application.
- 22 (a) In addition to those duties granted under the Illinois
 23 Economic Development Board Act, the Illinois Economic
 24 Development Board shall form a Business Investment Committee
 25 for the purpose of making recommendations for applications. At

- the request of the Board, the Director of Commerce and Economic Opportunity or his or her designee, the Director of the Governor's Office of Management and Budget or his or her designee, the Director of Revenue or his or her designee, the Director of Employment Security or his or her designee, and an elected official of the affected locality, such as the chair of the county board or the mayor, may serve as members of the Committee to assist with its analysis and deliberations.
 - (b) At the Department's request, the Committee shall convene, make inquiries, and conduct studies in the manner and by the methods as it deems desirable, review information with respect to Applicants, and make recommendations for projects to benefit the State. In making its recommendation that an Applicant's application for Credit should or should not be accepted, which shall occur within a reasonable time frame as determined by the nature of the application, the Committee shall determine that all the following conditions exist:
 - (1) The Applicant's project intends, as required by subsection (b) of Section 5-20 to make the required investment in the State and intends to hire the required number of New Employees in Illinois as a result of that project.
 - (2) The Applicant's project is economically sound and will benefit the people of the State of Illinois by increasing opportunities for employment and strengthen the economy of Illinois.

- (3) That, if not for the Credit, the project would not occur in Illinois, which may be demonstrated by any means including, but not limited to, evidence the Applicant has multi-state location options and could reasonably and efficiently locate outside of the State, or demonstration that at least one other state is being considered for the project, or evidence the receipt of the Credit is a major factor in the Applicant's decision and that without the Credit, the Applicant likely would not create new jobs in Illinois, or demonstration that receiving the Credit is essential to the Applicant's decision to create or retain new jobs in the State.
- (4) A cost differential is identified, using best available data, in the projected costs for the Applicant's project compared to the costs in the competing state, including the impact of the competing state's incentive programs. The competing state's incentive programs shall include state, local, private, and federal funds available.
- (5) The political subdivisions affected by the project have committed local incentives with respect to the project, considering local ability to assist.
- (6) Awarding the Credit will result in an overall positive fiscal impact to the State, as certified by the Committee using the best available data.
 - (7) The Credit is not prohibited by Section 5-35 of

- 1 this Act.
- 2 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Business
- 3 <u>Investment Committee is dissolved on January 1, 2015.</u>
- 4 (Source: P.A. 94-793, eff. 5-19-06.)
- 5 (35 ILCS 10/5-40)
- 6 Sec. 5-40. Determination of Amount of the Credit. With
- 7 respect to credits awarded for taxable years beginning prior to
- 8 <u>January 1, 2015, in</u> In determining the amount of the Credit
- 9 that should be awarded, the Committee shall provide guidance
- 10 on, and the Department shall take into consideration, the
- 11 following factors:
- 12 (1) The number and location of jobs created and
- retained in relation to the economy of the county where the
- 14 projected investment is to occur.
- 15 (2) The potential impact on the economy of Illinois.
- 16 (3) The magnitude of the cost differential between
- 17 Illinois and the competing state.
- 18 (4) The incremental payroll attributable to the
- 19 project.
- 20 (5) The capital investment attributable to the
- 21 project.
- 22 (6) The amount of the average wage and benefits paid by
- the Applicant in relation to the wage and benefits of the
- 24 area of the project.
- 25 (7) The costs to Illinois and the affected political

- subdivisions with respect to the project.
- 2 (8) The financial assistance that is otherwise
- 3 provided by Illinois and the affected political
- 4 subdivisions.
- 5 (Source: P.A. 91-476, eff. 8-11-99.)
- 6 (35 ILCS 10/5-45)
- 7 Sec. 5-45. Amount and duration of the credit.
- 8 (a) With respect to credits awarded for taxable years
- 9 beginning prior to January 1, 2015, the The Department shall
- 10 determine the amount and duration of the credit awarded under
- 11 this Act. The duration of the credit may not exceed 10 taxable
- 12 years. The credit may be stated as a percentage of the
- 13 Incremental Income Tax attributable to the applicant's project
- and may include a fixed dollar limitation.
- 15 (b-5) With respect to credits awarded for taxable years
- beginning on or after January 1, 2015, the amount of the credit
- 17 shall be determined according to subsection (b) of Section 211
- of the Illinois Income Tax Act.
- 19 (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), and except as the
- 20 credit may be applied in a carryover year pursuant to Section
- 21 $211\frac{(4)}{(4)}$ of the Illinois Income Tax Act, the credit may be
- 22 applied against the State income tax liability in more than 10
- 23 taxable years but not in more than 15 taxable years for an
- 24 eligible business that (i) qualifies under this Act and the
- 25 Corporate Headquarters Relocation Act and has in fact

- 1 undertaken a qualifying project within the time frame specified
- 2 by the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity under
- 3 that Act, and (ii) applies against its State income tax
- 4 liability, during the entire 15-year period, no more than 60%
- of the maximum credit per year that would otherwise be
- 6 available under this Act.
- 7 (Source: P.A. 94-793, eff. 5-19-06.)
- 8 (35 ILCS 10/5-50)
- 9 Sec. 5-50. Contents of Agreements with Applicants. With
- 10 respect to credits awarded for taxable years beginning prior to
- January 1, 2015, the The Department shall enter into an
- 12 Agreement with an Applicant that is awarded a Credit under this
- 13 Act. The Agreement must include all of the following:
- 14 (1) A detailed description of the project that is the
- subject of the Agreement, including the location and amount
- of the investment and jobs created or retained.
- 17 (2) The duration of the Credit and the first taxable
- 18 year for which the Credit may be claimed.
- 19 (3) The Credit amount that will be allowed for each
- taxable year.
- 21 (4) A requirement that the Taxpayer shall maintain
- operations at the project location that shall be stated as
- a minimum number of years not to exceed 10.
- 24 (5) A specific method for determining the number of New
- Employees employed during a taxable year.

- (6) A requirement that the Taxpayer shall annually report to the Department the number of New Employees, the Incremental Income Tax withheld in connection with the New Employees, and any other information the Director needs to perform the Director's duties under this Act.
- (7) A requirement that the Director is authorized to verify with the appropriate State agencies the amounts reported under paragraph (6), and after doing so shall issue a certificate to the Taxpayer stating that the amounts have been verified.
- (8) A requirement that the Taxpayer shall provide written notification to the Director not more than 30 days after the Taxpayer makes or receives a proposal that would transfer the Taxpayer's State tax liability obligations to a successor Taxpayer.
- (9) A detailed description of the number of New Employees to be hired, and the occupation and payroll of the full-time jobs to be created or retained as a result of the project.
- (10) The minimum investment the business enterprise will make in capital improvements, the time period for placing the property in service, and the designated location in Illinois for the investment.
- (11) A requirement that the Taxpayer shall provide written notification to the Director and the Committee not more than 30 days after the Taxpayer determines that the

minimum job creation or retention, employment payroll, or investment no longer is being or will be achieved or maintained as set forth in the terms and conditions of the Agreement.

- (12) A provision that, if the total number of New Employees falls below a specified level, the allowance of Credit shall be suspended until the number of New Employees equals or exceeds the Agreement amount.
- (13) A detailed description of the items for which the costs incurred by the Taxpayer will be included in the limitation on the Credit provided in Section 5-30.
- either the investment or job creation and retention requirements specified in the Agreement during the entire 5-year period beginning on the first day of the first taxable year in which the Agreement is executed and ending on the last day of the fifth taxable year after the Agreement is executed, then the Agreement is automatically terminated on the last day of the fifth taxable year after the Agreement is executed and the fifth taxable year after the Agreement is executed and the Taxpayer is not entitled to the award of any credits for any of that 5-year period.
- (14) Any other performance conditions or contract provisions as the Department determines are appropriate.

The Department shall post on its website the terms of each Agreement entered into under this Act on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 97th General Assembly.

- 1 (Source: P.A. 97-2, eff. 5-6-11; 97-749, eff. 7-6-12.)
- 2 (35 ILCS 10/5-55)
- Sec. 5-55. Certificate of verification; submission to the

 Department of Revenue. A Taxpayer claiming a Credit under this

 Act shall submit to the Department of Revenue a copy of the

 Director's certificate of verification under this Act for the

 taxable year. However, failure to submit a copy of the

 certificate with the Taxpayer's tax return shall not invalidate

 a claim for a Credit.
- For taxable years beginning prior to January 1, 2015, for

 For a Taxpayer to be eligible for a certificate of

 verification, the Taxpayer shall provide proof as required by

 the Department prior to the end of each calendar year,

 including, but not limited to, attestation by the Taxpayer

 that:
 - (1) The project has substantially achieved the level of new full-time jobs specified in its Agreement.
- 18 (2) The project has substantially achieved the level of 19 annual payroll in Illinois specified in its Agreement.
- 20 (3) The project has substantially achieved the level of capital investment in Illinois specified in its Agreement.
- 22 (Source: P.A. 91-476, eff. 8-11-99.)