

1 AN ACT concerning employment.

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

4 Section 5. The Illinois Criminal Justice Information Act
5 is amended by adding Section 7.2 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 3930/7.2 new)

7 Sec. 7.2. Illinois Ex-Offenders Employment Stabilization
8 Pilot Program.

9 (a) The Authority shall establish the Illinois
10 Ex-Offender Employment Stabilization Pilot Program as a grant
11 program to (i) increase and improve post-release employment
12 opportunities for ex-offenders and (ii) reduce recidivism
13 rates through the combined resources and expertise of
14 providers of workforce development and supportive services.
15 The program shall be established in Illinois local
16 governments where (i) the number of residents under State
17 community correctional supervision is 10,000 or more
18 annually and (ii) the number of returnees to that local
19 government who have exited annually from State correctional
20 institutions is 25% or more of all individuals released
21 annually from State correctional institutions. The Authority
22 shall be responsible for reviewing grant proposals and
23 awarding grants. The Authority may discontinue all or any
24 part of this program if, in the Authority's discretion, the
25 program fails to accomplish the objectives set forth in this
26 subsection.

27 (b) The Governor shall appoint an Ex-Offenders
28 Employment Stabilization Pilot Program Advisory Board. The
29 Advisory Board shall be chaired by the Executive Director of
30 the Authority. Additional board members appointed by the
31 Governor shall be the following: 2 representatives of

1 Illinois business; the Commissioner of the City of Chicago
 2 Mayor's Office of Workforce Development; 4 members nominated
 3 for appointment by the Mayor of the City of Chicago; and 4
 4 members nominated for appointment by the President of the
 5 Cook County Board. No members of the Advisory Board may have
 6 a direct or indirect interest in any entity that receives a
 7 grant under this Section.

8 (c) The Advisory Board shall:

9 (1) prepare and recommend to the Authority rules
 10 implementing this Act;

11 (2) determine criteria and procedures to be
 12 followed in awarding grants and review applications for
 13 grants under the Ex-Offenders Employment Stabilization
 14 Pilot Program; and

15 (3) make recommendations to the Authority as to the
 16 award of grants under the Ex-Offenders Employment
 17 Stabilization Pilot Program.

18 (d) Members of the Advisory Board shall not be
 19 reimbursed for their costs and expenses of participation. All
 20 decisions of the Advisory Board shall be decided on a one
 21 vote per member basis with a majority of the Advisory Board
 22 membership to rule.

23 (e) The Advisory Board shall report annually to the
 24 General Assembly on its effectiveness and shall make further
 25 recommendations based on the experiences and outcomes of its
 26 operations.

27 (f) The Ex-Offenders Employment Stabilization Pilot
 28 Program shall require grant proposals to include, but not be
 29 limited to, the following elements to achieve a holistic and
 30 comprehensive service strategy to assist individuals after
 31 parole, mandatory supervised release, final discharge, or
 32 pardon:

33 (1) rapid attachment to work;

34 (2) long-term follow-up;

- 1 (3) drug treatment;
- 2 (4) comprehensive support services;
- 3 (5) identification assistance; and
- 4 (6) job development and marketing.

5 (g) Subject to appropriation for that purpose, the
6 Authority may expend funds to pay its costs of administering
7 the programs authorized by this Section. Beginning in fiscal
8 year 2002, appropriated funds may be used for the purposes of
9 implementing this Act, including necessary administrative
10 costs.

11 (h) This Section is repealed on December 31, 2007.

12 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
13 becoming law.