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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 3650

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 3650 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
6 is amended by adding Sections 605-1118, 605-1119, 605-1120,
7 605-1121, and 605-1122 as follows:

8 (20 ILCS 605/605-1118 new)

9 Sec. 605-1118. State Navigator Program Law. This Section
10 through Section 605-1122 may be referred to as the State
11 Navigator Program Law.

12 (20 ILCS 605/605-1119 new)

13 Sec. 605-1119. Intent. The General Assembly finds that
14 improving the energy efficiency of, and reducing the
15 greenhouse gases from, residential buildings are critical to

1 meeting the State's adopted climate goals in Public Act
2 102-662.

3 The General Assembly recognizes that making information
4 about energy efficiency and weatherization programs,
5 electrification services, skilled contractors, and federal and
6 State electrification incentives available to State residents
7 will assist the State in meeting its adopted climate goals in
8 Public Act 102-662. Further, the General Assembly recognizes
9 that establishing a comprehensive statewide navigator program
10 is essential to ensuring equitable access to electrification
11 and energy efficient services. This program requires the
12 Administrator to help educate residents on how to combine
13 local, State, federal, and utility services related to
14 electrification, energy efficiency, and the reduction of
15 energy burdens to maximize electrification and energy
16 efficiency in this State.

17 (20 ILCS 605/605-1120 new)

18 Sec. 605-1120. Definitions. As used in the State Navigator
19 Program Law:

20 "Administrator" means an entity, including, but not
21 limited to, a nonprofit corporation or community-based
22 organization. "Administrator" does not include an energy
23 utility.

24 "Customers" means residents, tenants, homeowners, and
25 building owners.

1 "Department" means the Department of Commerce and Economic
2 Opportunity.

3 "Electrification services" includes energy audits,
4 assistance converting to on-site renewable energy, electric
5 load service center upgrades, new electric wiring, installing
6 electric heat pumps and heat pump water heaters, cooking
7 equipment, clothes dryers, and other electric appliance
8 replacement, financing, energy efficiency, weatherization,
9 health and safety improvements, and any energy upgrade
10 services and work.

11 "Equity investment eligible communities" has the meaning
12 given to that term in Section 5-5 of the Energy Transition Act.

13 "Income-qualified households" means those whose annual
14 incomes are at or below 80% of area median income.

15 "Navigator Working Group" means representatives appointed
16 by the Department who represent members from either the
17 electrician trades, construction industry, community
18 organizations that work in energy burdened communities,
19 community organizations who have experience with
20 weatherization programs, members from equity investment
21 eligible communities or the Illinois Commerce Commission or
22 staff, electric utilities, and other stakeholders deemed
23 necessary by the Administrator.

24 (20 ILCS 605/605-1121 new)

25 Sec. 605-1121. Creation of State navigator program.

1 (a) The Department may establish and oversee a statewide
2 building energy upgrade navigator program. The purpose of the
3 navigator program is to provide a statewide resource to assist
4 building owners and building renters with accessing
5 information about electrification services, energy efficiency
6 services, programs, funding, and any other assistance that
7 will result in aiding the State in meeting its adopted climate
8 goals in Public Act 102-662. This includes, but is not limited
9 to, utility programs, the weatherization assistance program,
10 solar for all, federal funding and financing, and State and
11 local funding and financing.

12 (b) The Department must coordinate and collaborate with
13 the navigator working group on the design, administration, and
14 implementation of the navigator program.

15 (c) The Department must ensure that all State residents
16 have equitable access to the navigator program.

17 (d) The Department may consult with other programs,
18 entities, and stakeholders as the Department determines to be
19 appropriate on the design, administration, and implementation
20 of the navigator program. The Department must solicit public
21 feedback on design and implementation decisions from
22 stakeholders.

23 (e) Third-Party Administrator.

24 (1) The Department may contract out this program to
25 the Administrator. Subject to the following requirements:

26 (A) The Administrator must be selected through a

1 competitive process.

2 (B) The Administrator must have experience with
3 running statewide programs related to energy
4 efficiency, electrification services, or
5 weatherization programs.

6 (C) The Administrator must have experience working
7 with multifamily building owners and renters.

8 (D) The Administrator must have experience
9 assisting people with low incomes or energy burdened
10 households.

11 (E) The Administrator must have experience running
12 programs in both urban and rural parts of the State,
13 including covering a range of geographic and community
14 diversity.

15 (2) If the Department decides to hire an
16 Administrator, the Administrator must enter into a
17 contract with the Department within a year of the
18 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 104th General
19 Assembly.

20 (3) If the Department decides to hire an
21 Administrator, the Administrator's contract expires after
22 4 years. After 4 years, the Department can renew the
23 contract or select a different Administrator. If the
24 Administrator is not meeting the requirements of the
25 program and its participants, the contract may be
26 terminated early, and a new Administrator may be hired.

1 (4) The Administrator shall have the same
2 responsibilities as the Department in creating,
3 overseeing, and implementing the programs in the navigator
4 program.

5 (f) The Department or Administrator of the navigator
6 program must:

7 (1) provide outreach to:

8 (A) owner occupied and rental residences; and

9 (B) single-family and multifamily dwellings;

10 (2) provide coverage for all geographic regions in the
11 State;

12 (3) create strategies to ensure that the navigator
13 program prioritizes outreach in equity investment eligible
14 communities;

15 (4) create a strategy for how the navigator program
16 will equitably assist residents in accessing rebates and
17 incentives in the federal Inflation Reduction Act;

18 (5) create a strategy for how the navigator program
19 will assist customers in accessing State funding
20 opportunities available to access electrification
21 services;

22 (6) create a strategy to stack funding from all
23 available incentives and tax rebates that may leverage
24 existing State software where possible with the goal of
25 creating a single interface for clients to access
26 information about weatherization, energy efficiency, and

1 electrification services;

2 (7) support the integrated implementation of all
3 relevant clean building programs funded in the State
4 budget, including, but not limited to:

5 (A) the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program;

6 and

7 (B) the Illinois Home Weatherization Assistance
8 Program; and

9 (8) maintain a recommended contractor list.

10 (20 ILCS 605/605-1122 new)

11 Sec. 605-1122. Education materials and outreach. The
12 Department or Administrator shall:

13 (1) create educational materials, which must include:

14 (a) information about all relevant funds and
15 financial assistance available from federal, State,
16 local, and energy utility programs, including, but not
17 limited to, incentives, rebates, tax credits, grants,
18 and loan programs; and

19 (b) information for households on the economic,
20 health, climate, and safety benefits of eligible
21 retrofits;

22 (2) support and connect community-based organizations
23 in their region to training programs in areas of
24 electrification, energy efficiency, building envelope, and
25 installation technical assistance, and other relevant

1 areas; and

2 (3) ensure the education and outreach work is
3 coordinated with other State energy efficiency,
4 weatherization, electrification, and related programs and
5 providers.

6 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
7 becoming law.".