



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 3501/850-10
30 ILCS 445/5
30 ILCS 445/10
30 ILCS 445/35

Amends the Illinois Finance Authority Act. In provisions concerning powers and duties of the Illinois Finance Authority in furtherance of its clean energy powers and purposes, provides that the Authority shall have the power to utilize certain funding sources for clean water, drinking water, and wastewater treatment or climate resilience projects. Amends the Climate Bank Loan Financing Act. Defines "climate resilience project" to mean a project to reduce hazards or risks to people and property from future disasters or climate-related conditions. Provides that "climate resilience project" includes, but is not limited to, projects that ensure access to clean water and drinking water, support wastewater treatment or resiliency of other essential infrastructure and other projects that reduce the potential impact of disasters or climate change. Adds climate resilience projects to provisions concerning clean energy infrastructure projects and authority to issue bonds. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning finance.

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

4 Section 5. The Illinois Finance Authority Act is amended
5 by changing Section 850-10 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 3501/850-10)

7 Sec. 850-10. Powers and duties.

8 (a) The Authority shall have the powers enumerated in this
9 Act to assist in the development and implementation of clean
10 energy in the State. The powers enumerated in this Article
11 shall be in addition to all other powers of the Authority
12 conferred in this Act, including those related to clean energy
13 and the provision of clean water, drinking water, and
14 wastewater treatment. The powers of the Authority to issue
15 bonds, notes, and other obligations to finance loans
16 administered by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
17 under the Public Water Supply Loan Program or the Water
18 Pollution Control Loan Program or other similar programs shall
19 not be limited or otherwise affected by this amendatory Act of
20 the 102nd General Assembly.

21 (b) In its role as the Climate Bank of the State, the
22 Authority shall have the power to: (i) administer programs and
23 funds appropriated by the General Assembly for clean energy

1 projects in eligible communities and environmental justice
2 communities or owned by eligible persons, (ii) support
3 investment in the clean energy and clean water, drinking
4 water, and wastewater treatment, (iii) support and otherwise
5 promote investment in clean energy projects to foster the
6 growth, development, and commercialization of clean energy
7 projects and related enterprises, and (iv) stimulate demand
8 for clean energy and the development of clean energy projects.

9 (c) In addition to, and not in limitation of, any other
10 power of the Authority set forth in this Section or any other
11 provisions of the general statutes, the Authority shall have
12 and may exercise the following powers in furtherance of or in
13 carrying out its clean energy powers and purposes:

14 (1) To enter into joint ventures and invest in and
15 participate with any person, including, without
16 limitation, government entities and private corporations,
17 engaged primarily in the development of clean energy
18 projects, provided that members of the Authority or
19 officers may serve as directors, members, or officers of
20 any such business entity, and such service shall be deemed
21 to be in the discharge of the duties or within the scope of
22 the employment of any such member or officer, or Authority
23 or officers, as the case may be, so long as such member or
24 officer does not receive any compensation or direct or
25 indirect financial benefit as a result of serving in such
26 role.

1 (2) To utilize funding sources, including, but not
2 limited to:

3 (A) funds repurposed from existing programs
4 providing financing support for clean energy projects,
5 clean water, drinking water, and wastewater treatment,
6 or climate resilience projects, provided any transfer
7 of funds from such existing programs shall be subject
8 to approval by the General Assembly and shall be used
9 for expenses of financing, grants, and loans;

10 (B) any federal or other funds that can be used for
11 clean energy purposes, clean water, drinking water,
12 and wastewater treatment, or climate resilience
13 projects;

14 (C) charitable gifts, grants, and contributions as
15 well as loans from individuals, corporations,
16 university endowment funds, and philanthropic
17 foundations for clean energy projects or for the
18 provision of clean water, drinking water, and
19 wastewater treatment or climate resilience projects;
20 and

21 (D) earnings and interest derived from financing
22 support activities for clean energy projects financed
23 by the Authority.

24 (3) To enter into contracts with private sources to
25 raise capital.

26 (d) The Authority may finance working capital, refinance

1 outstanding indebtedness of any person, and otherwise assist
2 in the investment of equity from any source, public or
3 private, in connection with clean energy projects or any other
4 projects authorized by this Act.

5 (e) The Authority may assess reasonable fees on its
6 financing activities to cover its reasonable costs and
7 expenses, as determined by the Authority.

8 (f) The Authority shall make information regarding the
9 rates, terms and conditions for all of its financing support
10 transactions available to the public for inspection, including
11 formal annual reviews by both a private auditor and the
12 Comptroller, and providing details to the public on the
13 Internet, provided public disclosure shall be restricted for
14 patentable ideas, trade secrets, and proprietary or
15 confidential commercial or financial information, disclosure
16 of which may cause commercial harm to a nongovernmental
17 recipient of such financing support and for other information
18 exempt from public records disclosure pursuant to Section
19 1-210.

20 (Source: P.A. 102-662, eff. 9-15-21.)

21 Section 10. The Climate Bank Loan Financing Act is amended
22 by changing Sections 5, 10, and 35 as follows:

23 (30 ILCS 445/5)

24 Sec. 5. Definitions. As used in this Act:

1 "Alternate bonds", "applicable law", "bond", "general
2 obligation bonds", "limited bonds", "governmental unit",
3 "revenue bonds", "enterprise revenues", and "revenue source"
4 have the respective meanings set forth in Section 3 of the
5 Local Government Debt Reform Act.

6 "Clean energy infrastructure project" means:

7 (i) a project that uses renewable energy resources, as
8 defined in Section 1-10 of the Illinois Power Agency Act;

9 (ii) an energy efficiency project;

10 (iii) a project that uses technology for the storage
11 of renewable energy, including, without limitation, the
12 use of battery or electrochemical storage technology for
13 mobile or stationary applications;

14 (iv) a project for the acquisition or repairs of
15 electric vehicles;

16 (v) a project for the acquisition, construction, or
17 repairs to electric vehicle charging stations; and

18 (vi) a building electrification project of replacing
19 fossil fuels with electricity to meet a given end use.

20 "Climate resilience project" means a project to reduce
21 hazards or risks to people and property from future disasters
22 or climate-related conditions. "Climate resilience project"
23 includes, but is not limited to, projects that ensure access
24 to clean water and drinking water, support wastewater
25 treatment or resiliency of other essential infrastructure and
26 other projects that reduce the potential impact of disasters

1 or climate change.

2 "Electric vehicle" means a vehicle that is exclusively
3 powered by and refueled by electricity, must be plugged in to
4 charge, and is licensed to drive on public roadways.

5 "Electric vehicle charging station" means a station that
6 delivers electricity from a source outside an electric vehicle
7 into one or more electric vehicles.

8 "Energy efficiency project" means measures that reduce the
9 amount of electricity, natural gas, or total Btu of
10 electricity or natural gas required to achieve or meet a given
11 end use, consistent with Section 1-10 of the Illinois Power
12 Agency Act.

13 "Governing body" means the council, board, commission, or
14 body, by whatever name it is known, having charge of the
15 finances of a governmental unit.

16 (Source: P.A. 103-1023, eff. 8-9-24.)

17 (30 ILCS 445/10)

18 Sec. 10. Clean energy infrastructure projects. A
19 governmental unit may own, construct, equip, manage, control,
20 erect, improve, extend, maintain, and operate new or existing
21 clean energy infrastructure projects and climate resilience
22 projects, may purchase real estate and any property rights to
23 be used for clean energy infrastructure projects, and may
24 charge for the use of clean energy infrastructure.

25 (Source: P.A. 103-1023, eff. 8-9-24.)

1 (30 ILCS 445/35)

2 Sec. 35. Authority for issuance. The authority to issue
3 bonds by a governmental unit under this Act and applicable law
4 for clean energy infrastructure projects and climate
5 resilience projects is in addition to any other authority to
6 issue bonds by a governmental unit provided by law.

7 (Source: P.A. 103-1023, eff. 8-9-24.)

8 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
9 becoming law.