

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

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

4 Section 5. The Illinois Income Tax Act is amended by  
5 changing Section 917 as follows:

6 (35 ILCS 5/917) (from Ch. 120, par. 9-917)

7 Sec. 917. Confidentiality and information sharing.

8 (a) Confidentiality. Except as provided in this Section,  
9 all information received by the Department from returns filed  
10 under this Act, or from any investigation conducted under the  
11 provisions of this Act, shall be confidential, except for  
12 official purposes within the Department or pursuant to official  
13 procedures for collection of any State tax or pursuant to an  
14 investigation or audit by the Illinois State Scholarship  
15 Commission of a delinquent student loan or monetary award or  
16 enforcement of any civil or criminal penalty or sanction  
17 imposed by this Act or by another statute imposing a State tax,  
18 and any person who divulges any such information in any manner,  
19 except for such purposes and pursuant to order of the Director  
20 or in accordance with a proper judicial order, shall be guilty  
21 of a Class A misdemeanor. However, the provisions of this  
22 paragraph are not applicable to information furnished to (i)  
23 the Department of Healthcare and Family Services (formerly

1 Department of Public Aid), State's Attorneys, and the Attorney  
2 General for child support enforcement purposes and (ii) a  
3 licensed attorney representing the taxpayer where an appeal or  
4 a protest has been filed on behalf of the taxpayer. If it is  
5 necessary to file information obtained pursuant to this Act in  
6 a child support enforcement proceeding, the information shall  
7 be filed under seal.

8 (b) Public information. Nothing contained in this Act shall  
9 prevent the Director from publishing or making available to the  
10 public the names and addresses of persons filing returns under  
11 this Act, or from publishing or making available reasonable  
12 statistics concerning the operation of the tax wherein the  
13 contents of returns are grouped into aggregates in such a way  
14 that the information contained in any individual return shall  
15 not be disclosed.

16 (c) Governmental agencies. The Director may make available  
17 to the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States or his  
18 delegate, or the proper officer or his delegate of any other  
19 state imposing a tax upon or measured by income, for  
20 exclusively official purposes, information received by the  
21 Department in the administration of this Act, but such  
22 permission shall be granted only if the United States or such  
23 other state, as the case may be, grants the Department  
24 substantially similar privileges. The Director may exchange  
25 information with the Department of Healthcare and Family  
26 Services and the Department of Human Services (acting as

1 successor to the Department of Public Aid under the Department  
2 of Human Services Act) for the purpose of verifying sources and  
3 amounts of income and for other purposes directly connected  
4 with the administration of this Act, the Illinois Public Aid  
5 Code, and any other health benefit program administered by the  
6 State. The Director may exchange information with the Director  
7 of the Department of Employment Security for the purpose of  
8 verifying sources and amounts of income and for other purposes  
9 directly connected with the administration of this Act and Acts  
10 administered by the Department of Employment Security. The  
11 Director may make available to the Illinois Workers'  
12 Compensation Commission information regarding employers for  
13 the purpose of verifying the insurance coverage required under  
14 the Workers' Compensation Act and Workers' Occupational  
15 Diseases Act. The Director may exchange information with the  
16 Illinois Department on Aging for the purpose of verifying  
17 sources and amounts of income for purposes directly related to  
18 confirming eligibility for participation in the programs of  
19 benefits authorized by the Senior Citizens and Persons with  
20 Disabilities Property Tax Relief and Pharmaceutical Assistance  
21 Act. The Director may exchange information with the State  
22 Treasurer's Office and the Department of Employment Security  
23 for the purpose of implementing, administering, and enforcing  
24 the Illinois Secure Choice Savings Program Act. The Director  
25 may exchange information with the State Treasurer's Office for  
26 the purpose of administering the Uniform Disposition of

1 Unclaimed Property Act or successor Acts.

2       The Director may make available to any State agency,  
3 including the Illinois Supreme Court, which licenses persons to  
4 engage in any occupation, information that a person licensed by  
5 such agency has failed to file returns under this Act or pay  
6 the tax, penalty and interest shown therein, or has failed to  
7 pay any final assessment of tax, penalty or interest due under  
8 this Act. The Director may make available to any State agency,  
9 including the Illinois Supreme Court, information regarding  
10 whether a bidder, contractor, or an affiliate of a bidder or  
11 contractor has failed to file returns under this Act or pay the  
12 tax, penalty, and interest shown therein, or has failed to pay  
13 any final assessment of tax, penalty, or interest due under  
14 this Act, for the limited purpose of enforcing bidder and  
15 contractor certifications. For purposes of this Section, the  
16 term "affiliate" means any entity that (1) directly,  
17 indirectly, or constructively controls another entity, (2) is  
18 directly, indirectly, or constructively controlled by another  
19 entity, or (3) is subject to the control of a common entity.  
20 For purposes of this subsection (a), an entity controls another  
21 entity if it owns, directly or individually, more than 10% of  
22 the voting securities of that entity. As used in this  
23 subsection (a), the term "voting security" means a security  
24 that (1) confers upon the holder the right to vote for the  
25 election of members of the board of directors or similar  
26 governing body of the business or (2) is convertible into, or

1 entitles the holder to receive upon its exercise, a security  
2 that confers such a right to vote. A general partnership  
3 interest is a voting security.

4 The Director may make available to any State agency,  
5 including the Illinois Supreme Court, units of local  
6 government, and school districts, information regarding  
7 whether a bidder or contractor is an affiliate of a person who  
8 is not collecting and remitting Illinois Use taxes, for the  
9 limited purpose of enforcing bidder and contractor  
10 certifications.

11 The Director may also make available to the Secretary of  
12 State information that a corporation which has been issued a  
13 certificate of incorporation by the Secretary of State has  
14 failed to file returns under this Act or pay the tax, penalty  
15 and interest shown therein, or has failed to pay any final  
16 assessment of tax, penalty or interest due under this Act. An  
17 assessment is final when all proceedings in court for review of  
18 such assessment have terminated or the time for the taking  
19 thereof has expired without such proceedings being instituted.  
20 For taxable years ending on or after December 31, 1987, the  
21 Director may make available to the Director or principal  
22 officer of any Department of the State of Illinois, information  
23 that a person employed by such Department has failed to file  
24 returns under this Act or pay the tax, penalty and interest  
25 shown therein. For purposes of this paragraph, the word  
26 "Department" shall have the same meaning as provided in Section

1 3 of the State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971.

2 (d) The Director shall make available for public inspection  
3 in the Department's principal office and for publication, at  
4 cost, administrative decisions issued on or after January 1,  
5 1995. These decisions are to be made available in a manner so  
6 that the following taxpayer information is not disclosed:

7 (1) The names, addresses, and identification numbers  
8 of the taxpayer, related entities, and employees.

9 (2) At the sole discretion of the Director, trade  
10 secrets or other confidential information identified as  
11 such by the taxpayer, no later than 30 days after receipt  
12 of an administrative decision, by such means as the  
13 Department shall provide by rule.

14 The Director shall determine the appropriate extent of the  
15 deletions allowed in paragraph (2). In the event the taxpayer  
16 does not submit deletions, the Director shall make only the  
17 deletions specified in paragraph (1).

18 The Director shall make available for public inspection and  
19 publication an administrative decision within 180 days after  
20 the issuance of the administrative decision. The term  
21 "administrative decision" has the same meaning as defined in  
22 Section 3-101 of Article III of the Code of Civil Procedure.  
23 Costs collected under this Section shall be paid into the Tax  
24 Compliance and Administration Fund.

25 (e) Nothing contained in this Act shall prevent the  
26 Director from divulging information to any person pursuant to a

1 request or authorization made by the taxpayer, by an authorized  
2 representative of the taxpayer, or, in the case of information  
3 related to a joint return, by the spouse filing the joint  
4 return with the taxpayer.

5 (Source: P.A. 99-143, eff. 7-27-15; 99-571, eff. 7-15-16.)

6 Section 10. The Uniform Disposition of Unclaimed Property  
7 Act is amended by adding Section 19.5 as follows:

8 (765 ILCS 1025/19.5 new)

9 Sec. 19.5. Tax return identification of apparent owners of  
10 abandoned property.

11 (a) At least annually the State Treasurer shall notify the  
12 Department of Revenue of the names of persons appearing to be  
13 owners of abandoned property held by the State Treasurer. The  
14 State Treasurer shall also provide to the Department of Revenue  
15 the social security numbers of such persons, if available.

16 (b) The Department of Revenue shall notify the State  
17 Treasurer if any person under subsection (a) has filed an  
18 Illinois income tax return and shall provide the State  
19 Treasurer with the last known address of the person as it  
20 appears in Department of Revenue records, except as prohibited  
21 by federal law. The Department shall also provide any  
22 additional addresses for the same taxpayer from the records of  
23 the Department, except as prohibited by federal law.

24 (c) In order to facilitate the return of property under

1 this Section, the State Treasurer and the Department of Revenue  
2 may enter into an interagency agreement concerning protection  
3 of confidential information, data match rules, and other  
4 issues.

5 (d) The State Treasurer may deliver, as provided under  
6 Section 20 of this Act, property or pay the amount owing to a  
7 person matched under this Section without the person filing a  
8 claim under Section 19 of this Act if the following conditions  
9 are met:

10 (1) the value of the property that is owed the person  
11 is \$2,000 or less;

12 (2) the property is not either tangible property or  
13 securities;

14 (3) the last known address for the person according to  
15 the Department of Revenue records is less than 12 months  
16 old; and

17 (4) the State Treasurer has evidence sufficient to  
18 establish that the person who appears in Department of  
19 Revenue records is the owner of the property and the owner  
20 currently resides at the last known address from the  
21 Department of Revenue.

22 The State Treasurer may use additional databases to verify  
23 the identity of the person and that the person currently  
24 resides at the last known address.

25 (e) If the property owed to a person matched under this  
26 Section has a value of greater than \$2,000 or is tangible



1 property or securities, then the State Treasurer shall provide  
2 notice to the person informing the person that he or she is the  
3 owner of abandoned or unclaimed property held by the State and  
4 may file a claim with the State Treasurer for return of the  
5 property.

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