

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 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Job
5 Training Assistance and Support Services Pilot Program Act.

6 Section 5. Purpose. The purpose of the Job Training
7 Assistance and Support Services Pilot Program is to address
8 significant barriers to individuals participating in
9 apprenticeships, including, but not limited to, lack of
10 affordable and reliable transportation, lack of affordable and
11 high-quality childcare, and other barriers that may prohibit a
12 worker from retaining employment. The Pilot Program may
13 provide barrier reduction funding for eligible individuals
14 participating in registered apprenticeship,
15 pre-apprenticeship, or work-based learning programs such as an
16 internship, paid work experience, transitional jobs training,
17 on-the-job training, or incumbent worker programs administered
18 by the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

19 Section 10. Job Training Assistance and Support Services
20 Pilot Program.

21 (a) The Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
22 shall, subject to appropriation, develop a Job Training

1 Assistance and Support Services Pilot Program. The Department
2 of Commerce and Economic Opportunity shall award grants to
3 organizations to distribute subsidies to qualifying
4 individuals. To be eligible for assistance under the Pilot
5 Program, an individual is required to participate in a
6 registered apprenticeship program, pre-apprenticeship program
7 as defined by the United States Department of Labor, or
8 work-based learning programs, such as an internship, paid work
9 experience, transitional jobs training, on-the-job training,
10 or incumbent worker programs administered by the Department of
11 Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

12 (b) The assistance provided by the Pilot Program may
13 include funds for transportation, child care, housing-related
14 expenses, including, but not limited to, rent and utilities,
15 transportation, child care, digital technology needs,
16 education needs, mental health services, substance abuse
17 services, income support, and work-related supplies that are
18 not typically covered by programmatic supportive services.

19 Section 15. Report. No later than January 1, 2028, the
20 Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity shall submit
21 to the Governor and the General Assembly a report that
22 evaluates the results of the Pilot Program and its
23 effectiveness in assisting Pilot Program participants in
24 entering the workforce or in obtaining better employment. The
25 report shall include a recommendation regarding whether to

1 renew the Pilot Program, and if renewal is recommended, if the
2 Pilot Program should be expanded or otherwise enhanced.

3 Section 20. Rules. The Department of Commerce and Economic
4 Opportunity shall adopt all rules necessary for the
5 implementation of the Pilot Program created under this Act.

6 Section 25. Repeal. This Act is repealed on January 1,
7 2029.