

1 AN ACT concerning human resources.

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

4 Section 5. The Illinois Workforce Investment Board Act
5 is amended by changing Section 4.5 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 3975/4.5)

7 Sec. 4.5. Duties.

8 (a) The Board must perform all the functions of a state
9 workforce investment board under the federal Workforce
10 Investment Act of 1998, any amendments to that Act, and any
11 other applicable federal statutes. The Board must also
12 perform all other functions that are not inconsistent with
13 the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998 or this Act and
14 that are assumed by the Board under its bylaws or assigned to
15 it by the Governor.

16 (b) The Board must cooperate with the General Assembly
17 and make recommendations to the Governor and the General
18 Assembly concerning legislation necessary to improve upon
19 statewide and local workforce investment systems in order to
20 increase occupational skill attainment, employment,
21 retention, or earnings of participants and thereby improve
22 the quality of the workforce, reduce welfare dependency, and
23 enhance the productivity and competitiveness of the State.
24 The Board must annually submit a report to the General
25 Assembly on the progress of the State in achieving state
26 performance measures under the federal Workforce Investment
27 Act of 1998, including information on the levels of
28 performance achieved by the State with respect to the core
29 indicators of performance and the customer satisfaction
30 indicator under that Act. The report must include any other
31 items that the Governor may be required to report to the

1 Secretary of the United States Department of Labor under
2 Section 136(d) of the federal Workforce Investment Act of
3 1998.

4 (b-5) The Board shall implement a method for measuring
5 the progress of the State's workforce development system by
6 using specified benchmarks. Those benchmarks are: (i) the
7 educational level of working adults; (ii) the percentage of
8 the adult workforce in education and training; (iii) adult
9 literacy; (iv) the percentage of high school graduates
10 transitioning to education or training; (v) the high school
11 dropout rate; (vi) the number of youth transitioning from 8th
12 grade to 9th grade; (vii) the percentage of individuals and
13 families at economic self-sufficiency; (viii) the average
14 growth in pay; (ix) net job growth; and (x) productivity per
15 employee.

16 The Board shall identify the most significant early
17 indicators for each benchmark, establish a mechanism to
18 collect data and track the benchmarks on an annual basis, and
19 then use the results to set goals for each benchmark, to
20 inform planning, and to ensure the effective use of State
21 resources.

22 (c) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to require
23 or allow the Board to assume or supersede the statutory
24 authority granted to, or impose any duties or requirements
25 on, the State Board of Education, the Board of Higher
26 Education, the Illinois Community College Board, any State
27 agencies created under the Civil Administrative Code of
28 Illinois, or any local education agencies.

29 (d) No actions taken by the Illinois Human Resource
30 Investment Council before the effective date of this
31 amendatory Act of the 92nd General Assembly and no rights,
32 powers, duties, or obligations from those actions are
33 impaired solely by this amendatory Act of the 92nd General
34 Assembly. All actions taken by the Illinois Human Resource

1 Investment Council before the effective date of this
2 amendatory Act of the 92nd General Assembly are ratified and
3 validated.

4 (Source: P.A. 92-588, eff. 7-1-02.)