1 AN ACT concerning employment.

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

Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
Illinois Ex-Offenders Employment Stabilization Act.

б Section 5. Illinois Ex-Offenders Employment Stabilization Program. The Department of Employment Security shall 7 8 establish the Illinois Ex-Offender Employment Stabilization Program as a grant program to (i) increase and improve 9 post-release employment opportunities for ex-offenders and 10 (ii) reduce recidivism rates through the combined resources 11 and expertise of providers of workforce development and 12 13 supportive services. The program shall be established in Illinois local governments where (i) the number of residents 14 15 under State community correctional supervision is 10,000 or 16 more annually and (ii) the number of returnees to that local government who have exited annually from State correctional 17 institutions is 25% or more of all individuals released 18 19 annually from state correctional institutions. The 20 Department shall be responsible for reviewing grant proposals and awarding grants. 21

22 Section 10. Ex-Offenders Employment Stabilization Program The Governor shall appoint an Ex-Offenders 23 Advisory Board. Employment Stabilization Program Advisory Board. The Advisory 24 Board shall be chaired by the Director of the Department of 25 26 Employment Security. Other members appointed by the Governor shall consist one representative of an Illinois 27 of 28 not-for-profit organization and enrolling 1,000 or more individuals annually in its employment and training programs, 29 of whom at least 70% must be ex-offenders; one representative 30

1 of an Illinois not-for-profit organization and enrolling 2 fewer than 150 individuals annually in its employment and training programs, of whom at least 70% must be ex-offenders; 3 4 the Commissioner of the City of Chicago Mayor's Office of Workforce Development; and 4 members nominated by the Mayor 5 6 of the City of Chicago, at least 2 of whom the shall hold 7 management-level positions at employers located within the 8 City of Chicago currently employing ex-offenders.

9

Section 15. Advisory Board.

10

(a) The Advisory Board shall:

(1) prepare and recommend to the Department rules
implementing this Act;

13 (2) determine criteria and procedures to be 14 followed in awarding grants and review applications for 15 grants under the Ex-Offenders Employment Stabilization 16 Program; and

17 (3) make recommendations to the Department as to
18 the award of grants under the Ex-Offenders Employment
19 Stabilization Program.

20 (b) Members all the Advisory Board shall not be 21 reimbursed for their costs and expenses of participation. All 22 decisions of the Advisory Board shall be decided on a one 23 vote per member basis with a majority of the Advisory Board 24 membership to rule.

25 (c) The Advisory Board shall report annually to the 26 General Assembly on its effectiveness and shall make further 27 recommendations based on the experiences and outcomes of its 28 operations.

29 Section 20. Ex-Offenders Employment Stabilization Program 30 required elements. The Ex-Offenders Employment Stabilization 31 Program shall require grant proposals to include the 32 following elements to achieve a holistic and comprehensive

1	service strategy:	
2	(1)	rapid attachment to work;
3	(2)	long-term follow-up;
4	(3)	pre-release services;
5	(4)	comprehensive support services;
6	(5)	identification assistance; and
7	(6)	job development and marketing.

8 Section 25. Appropriations. Funds may be appropriated to 9 the Department to pay its costs of administering the programs 10 authorized by this Act. Beginning in fiscal year 2002, 11 appropriated funds may be used for the purposes of 12 implementing this Act, including necessary administrative 13 costs.

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect uponbecoming law.