

1 AN ACT concerning utilities.

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

4 Section 5. The Public Utilities Act is amended by adding  
5 Section 16-111.4 as follows:

6 (220 ILCS 5/16-111.4 new)

7 Sec. 16-111.4. Public university renewable energy  
8 projects.

9 (a) The Legislature finds and declares that the  
10 implementation of renewable energy sources by public  
11 universities for their own use can encourage private investment  
12 in renewable energy resources, stimulate economic growth,  
13 enhance the continued diversification of Illinois' energy  
14 resource mix, and protect the environment of Illinois.

15 (b) The Legislature further finds and declares that the  
16 funding of public university renewable energy projects by the  
17 Illinois Clean Energy Community Trust is consistent with the  
18 Legislature's intent in providing for the Trust in Section  
19 16-111.1 of this Act and, therefore, encourages public  
20 universities to request funding of such projects from the Trust  
21 and the Trust, consistent with the resources available to the  
22 Trust and with the good judgment of its trustees, to grant such  
23 requests.

24 (c) As used in this Section:

25 "Renewable energy source" means a solar or wind electrical  
26 generating facility with a capacity of not more than 1000  
27 kilowatts that is located on the premises of a public  
28 university and is intended primarily to offset part or all of  
29 the university's own electrical requirements.

30 "Public university" means Northern Illinois University,  
31 Southern Illinois University, Eastern Illinois University,  
32 Western Illinois University, the University of Illinois,

1 Chicago State University, Governors State University, Illinois  
2 State University, or Northeastern Illinois University.

3 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
4 becoming law.