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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 2747

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 2747 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Illinois Enterprise Zone Act is amended by  
5 changing Section 4 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 655/4) (from Ch. 67 1/2, par. 604)

7 Sec. 4. Qualifications for Enterprise Zones. (1) An area is  
8 qualified to become an enterprise zone which:

9 (a) is a contiguous area, provided that a zone area may  
10 exclude wholly surrounded territory within its boundaries;

11 (b) comprises a minimum of one-half square mile and not  
12 more than 12 square miles, or 15 square miles if the zone is  
13 located within the jurisdiction of 4 or more counties or  
14 municipalities, in total area, exclusive of lakes and  
15 waterways; however, in such cases where the enterprise zone is  
16 a joint effort of three or more units of government, or two or

1 more units of government if situated in a township which is  
2 divided by a municipality of 1,000,000 or more inhabitants, and  
3 where the certification has been in effect at least one year,  
4 the total area shall comprise a minimum of one-half square mile  
5 and not more than thirteen square miles in total area exclusive  
6 of lakes and waterways;

7 (c) is a depressed area;

8 (d) satisfies any additional criteria established by  
9 regulation of the Department consistent with the purposes of  
10 this Act; and

11 (e) is (1) entirely within a municipality or (2) entirely  
12 within the unincorporated areas of a county, except where  
13 reasonable need is established for such zone to cover portions  
14 of more than one municipality or county or (3) both comprises  
15 (i) all or part of a municipality and (ii) an unincorporated  
16 area of a county.

17 (2) Any criteria established by the Department or by law  
18 which utilize the rate of unemployment for a particular area  
19 shall provide that all persons who are not presently employed  
20 and have exhausted all unemployment benefits shall be  
21 considered unemployed, whether or not such persons are actively  
22 seeking employment.

23 (3) If an enterprise zone is established prior to the  
24 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 96th General  
25 Assembly and is initially designated as meeting the  
26 unemployment-related criteria established by the Department or

1 by law, then, on or after the effective date of this amendatory  
2 Act of the 96th General Assembly and until December 31, 2012,  
3 the enterprise zone may expand its boundaries if (a) the  
4 territory into which the zone is expanding had an average  
5 unemployment rate in the previous calendar year of more than  
6 (i) 10% or (ii) 120% of the State's annual average unemployment  
7 rate for that previous calendar year, whichever is less, and  
8 (b) the expanded zone area meets the criteria of item (1) (A) of  
9 this Section.

10 (Source: P.A. 86-803.)

11 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
12 becoming law."