

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

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

4 Section 5. The Department of Commerce and Economic  
5 Opportunity Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is  
6 amended by adding Sections 605-456, 605-460, and 605-465 as  
7 follows:

8 (20 ILCS 605/605-456 new)

9 Sec. 605-456. Survey and report on business incentives.

10 (a) The Department shall contact businesses that are  
11 located in the State or have been identified as having left the  
12 State. The Department shall request that the business complete  
13 a survey, developed by the Department, that includes  
14 information regarding (i) why the business left, if applicable,  
15 and the location to which the business relocated and (ii) any  
16 incentives that are needed to keep and attract the business.

17 (b) The Department shall compile the results of the surveys  
18 and any other relevant information provided to the Department.  
19 By each July 1, the Department shall report to the General  
20 Assembly upon its compilation of the previous year's survey  
21 responses and any of the other relevant information. The report  
22 must identify, at a minimum, the most common responses,  
23 categorized by industry and region, regarding (i) why

1 businesses left Illinois, (ii) what incentives would have  
2 influenced businesses to remain in Illinois, and (iii) to which  
3 cities and states the businesses have relocated.

4 (c) For the purposes of this Section, a business is defined  
5 as one that is engaged in interstate or intrastate commerce for  
6 the purpose of manufacturing, processing, assembling,  
7 warehousing, or distributing products, conducting research and  
8 development, providing tourism services, or providing services  
9 in interstate commerce, office industries, or agricultural  
10 processing, but excluding retail, retail food, health, or  
11 professional services.

12 (d) The Department shall adopt rules for the implementation  
13 of this Section.

14 (20 ILCS 605/605-460 new)

15 Sec. 605-460. Engineering excellence program.

16 (a) Coordination between engineering schools and private  
17 business is an important tool in fostering innovation.  
18 Universities have eager students, experienced faculty, and  
19 state-of-the-art research facilities. Businesses have existing  
20 markets, production capital, and evolving needs. The General  
21 Assembly believes that universities and businesses should  
22 share resources to allow students to participate in the  
23 research and development area of innovative design and to allow  
24 businesses to benefit from the developing skills of these  
25 students.

1       (b) In order to facilitate engineering excellence, the  
2 Department shall develop a program to achieve the goals set  
3 forth in subsection (a). Under this program, the Department  
4 must:

5           (1) Annually contact the State's major public and  
6 private universities with engineering schools.

7           (2) Request a one-page written summary of the  
8 internship, externship, or residency programs operated by  
9 the engineering college of each of the contacted  
10 universities.

11           (3) Identify the manufacturing businesses within 50  
12 miles of each university that responded under paragraph (2)  
13 that could benefit from assistance in the area of  
14 innovative design.

15           (4) Send a letter to each manufacturer identified under  
16 paragraph (3), informing it of the university's program and  
17 advising the business to contact the university if it  
18 wishes to participate in the engineering school's program.

19       (c) The Department shall adopt rules for the implementation  
20 of this Section.

21       (20 ILCS 605/605-465 new)

22       Sec. 605-465. Comprehensive website information.

23       (a) The Department's official website must contain a  
24 comprehensive list of State, local, and federal economic  
25 benefits available to businesses in each of the State's

1 counties and municipalities that the Department includes on its  
2 website. In order to do so:

3 (1) The Department annually must request a summary of  
4 available economic benefits from each of the State's  
5 counties and municipalities that are linked to the  
6 Department's website.

7 (2) The information obtained under paragraph (1) must  
8 be published on the related web pages of the Department's  
9 website.

10 (3) The Department's website shall also provide  
11 information regarding available federal economic benefits  
12 to the extent possible.

13 (b) The Department shall adopt rules for the implementation  
14 of this Section.