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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 3541

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 3541 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Energy Transition Act is amended by
5 changing Section 5-40 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 730/5-40)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on September 15, 2045)

8 Sec. 5-40. Illinois Climate Works Preapprenticeship
9 Program.

10 (a) Subject to appropriation, the Department shall
11 develop, and through Regional Administrators administer, the
12 Illinois Climate Works Preapprenticeship Program. The goal of
13 the Illinois Climate Works Preapprenticeship Program is to
14 create a network of hubs throughout the State that will
15 recruit, prescreen, and provide preapprenticeship skills
16 training, for which participants may attend free of charge and

1 receive a stipend, to create a qualified, diverse pipeline of
2 workers who are prepared for careers in the construction and
3 building trades and clean energy jobs opportunities therein.
4 Upon completion of the Illinois Climate Works
5 Preapprenticeship Program, the candidates will be connected to
6 and prepared to successfully complete an apprenticeship
7 program.

8 (b) Each Climate Works Hub that receives funding from the
9 Energy Transition Assistance Fund shall provide an annual
10 report to the Illinois Works Review Panel by April 1 of each
11 calendar year. The annual report shall include the following
12 information:

13 (1) a description of the Climate Works Hub's
14 recruitment, screening, and training efforts, including a
15 description of training related to construction and
16 building trades opportunities in clean energy jobs;

17 (2) the number of individuals who apply to,
18 participate in, and complete the Climate Works Hub's
19 program, broken down by race, gender, age, and veteran
20 status;

21 (3) the number of the individuals referenced in
22 paragraph (2) of this subsection who are initially
23 accepted and placed into apprenticeship programs in the
24 construction and building trades; and

25 (4) the number of individuals referenced in paragraph
26 (2) of this subsection who remain in apprenticeship

1 programs in the construction and building trades or have
2 become journeymen one calendar year after their placement,
3 as referenced in paragraph (3) of this subsection.

4 (c) Subject to appropriation, the Department shall provide
5 funding to 3 Climate Works Hubs throughout the State,
6 including one to the Illinois Department of Transportation
7 Region 1, one to the Illinois Department of Transportation
8 Regions 2 and 3, and one to the Illinois Department of
9 Transportation Regions 4 and 5. An eligible organization may
10 serve as the designated Climate Works Hub for all 5 regions.
11 Climate Works Hubs shall be awarded grants in multi-year
12 increments not to exceed 36 months. Each grant shall come with
13 a one year initial term, with the Department renewing each
14 year for 2 additional years unless the grantee either declines
15 to continue or fails to meet reasonable performance measures
16 that consider apprenticeship programs timeframes. The
17 Department may take into account experience and performance as
18 a previous grantee of the Climate Works Hub as part of the
19 selection criteria for subsequent years.

20 (d) Each Climate Works Hub that receives funding from the
21 Energy Transition Assistance Fund shall recruit, prescreen,
22 and provide preapprenticeship training to Program
23 participants. Admission into the Program as a participant is
24 subject to the following criteria:

25 (1) To the extent that the applicant pool allows, at
26 least two-thirds all Program placements shall be awarded

1 to applicants who reside in geographic areas that are
2 impacted by economic and environmental challenges. Among
3 applicants that satisfy the criteria under this item (1),
4 preference shall be given to applicants who face barriers
5 to employment, including low educational attainment, prior
6 involvement with the criminal justice system, and language
7 barriers, and to applicants who are graduates of or are
8 enrolled in the foster care system at the time of
9 application.

10 (2) The Program shall prioritize the remaining
11 applicants in the following order:

12 (A) applicants who are displaced energy workers,
13 as defined in the Energy Community Reinvestment Act;

14 (B) applicants who face barriers to employment,
15 including low educational attainment, prior
16 involvement with the criminal justice system, and
17 language barriers; and

18 (C) applicants who are graduates of or are
19 enrolled in the foster care system, regardless of the
20 applicant's area of residence.

21 (3) Each Climate Works Hub that receives funding from
22 the Energy Transition Assistance Fund shall, in each Hub
23 Site where the applicant pool allows, dedicate at least
24 one-third of the Program placements to applicants who
25 reside in geographic areas that are impacted by economic
26 and environmental challenges. Among applicants that

1 satisfy the criteria under this item (3), preference shall
2 be given to applicants who face barriers to employment,
3 including low educational attainment, prior involvement
4 with the criminal justice system, and language barriers,
5 and to applicants who are graduates of or are enrolled in
6 the foster care system at the time of application.

7 For the purposes of this subsection (d), a geographic area
8 is considered to be impacted by economic and environmental
9 challenges if the area is both (i) an R3 Area, as defined in
10 Section 10-40 of the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act, and (ii)
11 an environmental justice community, as defined by the Illinois
12 Power Agency. Consideration for admission in the Program under
13 the dedicated placements established under this subsection
14 shall be conducted irrespective of the racial or ethnic
15 indicators used by the Illinois Power Agency in determining
16 whether an area is an environmental justice community unless
17 and until the constitutional basis for the inclusion of those
18 factors in determining Program admission is established by a
19 court of competent jurisdiction. ~~Each Climate Works Hub that~~
20 ~~receives funding from the Energy Transition Assistance Fund~~
21 shall:

22 ~~(1) recruit, prescreen, and provide preapprenticeship~~
23 ~~training to equity investment eligible persons;~~

24 ~~(2) provide training information related to~~
25 ~~opportunities and certifications relevant to clean energy~~
26 ~~jobs in the construction and building trades; and~~

1 ~~(3) provide preapprentices with stipends they receive~~
2 ~~that may vary depending on the occupation the individual~~
3 ~~is training for.~~

4 (d-5) Priority shall be given to Climate Works Hubs that
5 have an agreement with North American Building Trades Unions
6 (NABTU) to utilize the Multi-Craft Core Curriculum or
7 successor curriculums.

8 (e) Funding for the Program is subject to appropriation
9 from the Energy Transition Assistance Fund.

10 (f) The Department shall adopt any rules deemed necessary
11 to implement this Section.

12 (Source: P.A. 102-662, eff. 9-15-21; 102-1031, eff. 5-27-22;
13 102-1123, eff. 1-27-23.)".