

1 AN ACT concerning development.

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

4 Section 5. The State and Regional Development Strategy  
5 Act is amended by changing Section 20-10 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 695/20-10)

7 Sec. 20-10. Strategic Planning. The Department of  
8 Commerce and Community Affairs may prepare an economic  
9 development strategy for Illinois. By no later than February  
10 1, 2001 and biennially thereafter, the Department may make  
11 modifications in the economic development strategy as the  
12 modifications are warranted by changes in economic conditions  
13 or by other factors, including changes in policy. In  
14 preparing the strategy and in making modifications to the  
15 strategy, the Department may consider ~~take-recognizance-of~~ the  
16 special economic attributes of the various component areas of  
17 the State.

18 (1) The "component areas" shall be determined by  
19 the Department and may group counties that are close in  
20 geographical proximity and share common economic traits  
21 such as commuting zones, labor market areas, or other  
22 economically integrated regions.

23 (2) The strategy may recommend actions for  
24 promoting sustained economic growth at or above national  
25 rates of economic growth.

26 (3) The strategy may include an assessment of  
27 historical patterns of economic activity for the State  
28 and projections of future economic trends using national  
29 economic trends and projections for comparative purposes.  
30 All assumptions made in the formulation of the economic  
31 projections shall be clearly and explicitly set forth in

1 the strategy.

2 (4) The strategy may identify those community  
3 economic improvement characteristics that will positively  
4 influence the rate of overall State economic growth.

5 (5) The strategy may recommend actions to foster  
6 and promote economic growth, taking into account  
7 indigenous resources and prevalent economic factors.

8 (A) The strategy may identify the critical  
9 business development approaches being considered or  
10 to be considered. The approaches may include, but  
11 are not limited to: investment recruitment, such as  
12 industry attraction, expansion and retention; trade  
13 development efforts including international trade,  
14 support for small businesses' efforts to export  
15 products and services, tourism attraction and  
16 development including cultural tourism; technology  
17 development efforts including technology  
18 commercialization and manufacturing modernization;  
19 and business development efforts, including  
20 entrepreneurship and entrepreneurial education,  
21 small business management assistance, and business  
22 financing.

23 (B) The strategy may identify for the State  
24 and each region the critical workforce training and  
25 development approaches being considered or to be  
26 considered. The approaches may include, but are not  
27 limited to: customized job training, retraining and  
28 skill upgrading, economic adjustment, job creation  
29 and addressing labor shortages in areas of high  
30 demand; the market for and quality of the local  
31 labor force; the quality of the education and  
32 workforce infrastructure; and related issues.

33 (C) The strategy may identify the critical  
34 community development approaches being considered or

1 to be considered. The approaches may include, but  
2 are not limited to: community growth management such  
3 as regional planning and smart growth; area  
4 revitalization including brownfields redevelopment  
5 and facility reuse; and family self-sufficiency such  
6 as through housing conservation and economic  
7 opportunity.

8 (D) The strategy may identify the critical  
9 public facilities development approaches being  
10 considered or to be considered. The approaches may  
11 include, but are not limited to: local public  
12 services; the local, regional, and State tax and  
13 regulatory climate; the physical infrastructure,  
14 including communications and transportation systems;  
15 the capacity of area utilities; and the quality of  
16 public institutions such as schools.

17 (E) The strategy may identify the other  
18 critical marketplace systems, including: the  
19 financial marketplace; the competitive advantages of  
20 the area in terms of natural resources, capital  
21 resources or technology resources; and other factors  
22 affecting area development.

23 (6) In preparing the strategy or modifications to  
24 the strategy, the Department may work with State  
25 agencies, boards, and commissions whose programs and  
26 activities significantly affect economic activity in the  
27 State as appropriate. The Directors of the agencies,  
28 boards, and commissions shall provide the assistance to  
29 the Department as the Governor deems appropriate.

30 (7) In preparing the strategy or the modifications  
31 to the strategy, the Department may consult with local  
32 and regional economic development organizations, local  
33 elected officials, community-based organizations, service  
34 delivery providers, and other organizations whose

1 programs and activities significantly affect economic  
2 activity.

3 (8) In preparing the strategy or the modifications  
4 to the strategy, the Department may take into  
5 consideration any decisions or recommendations related to  
6 programs, services, and government regulations that have  
7 been rendered as a result of a Statewide Performance  
8 Review.

9 (9) The strategy shall be presented to the  
10 Governor, the President and Minority Leader of the  
11 Senate, the Speaker and Minority Leader of the House of  
12 Representatives, the members of the Illinois Economic  
13 Development Board, and the Chair of the Economic and  
14 Fiscal Commission on February 1, 2001 and biennially  
15 thereafter, as warranted by changes in economic  
16 conditions or by other factors, including changes in  
17 policy.

18 (10) The strategy shall be published and made  
19 available to the public in both paper and electronic  
20 media.

21 (Source: P.A. 91-476, eff. 8-11-99; 92-490, eff. 8-23-01.)