

1 AN ACT concerning the steel industry.

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 Community
5 Affairs Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is
6 amended by adding Section 605-425 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 605/605-425 new)

8 Sec. 605-425. Illinois Steel Development Board.

9 (a) The Illinois Steel Development Board is established
10 as an advisory board to the Department of Commerce and
11 Community Affairs. The Board shall be composed of the
12 following voting members: the Director of Commerce and
13 Community Affairs, who shall be Chairman of the Board, the
14 Deputy Director of the Bureau of Business Development within
15 the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs, 4 members
16 of the General Assembly (one each appointed by the President
17 of the Senate, the Senate Minority Leader, the Speaker of the
18 House, and the House Minority Leader), and 8 persons
19 appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the
20 Senate. Members appointed by the Governor must include
21 representatives of Illinois industries that are involved in
22 the production, use, or transportation of American and
23 Canadian steel, representatives of financial or banking
24 interests in the State, and persons experienced in
25 international business and economic development. Members
26 appointed by the Governor shall be chosen from persons of
27 recognized ability and experience in their designated field.

28 The members appointed by the Governor shall serve for
29 terms of 4 years. The initial terms of the original
30 appointees shall expire on July 1, 2006. A member appointed
31 by a legislative leader shall serve for the duration of the

1 General Assembly for which he or she is appointed, so long as
2 the member remains a member of that General Assembly.

3 The Board shall meet at least annually or at the call of
4 the Chairman. At any time the majority of the Board may
5 petition the Chairman for a meeting of the Board. Nine
6 members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

7 Members of the Board shall be reimbursed for actual and
8 necessary expenses incurred while performing their duties as
9 members of the Board from funds appropriated to the
10 Department for that purpose.

11 (b) The Board shall provide advice and make
12 recommendations to the Department of Commerce and Community
13 Affairs on the following:

14 (1) The development of an annual agenda that may
15 include, but is not limited to, research, marketing, and
16 promotional methodologies conducted for the purpose of
17 increasing the use of American and Canadian steel
18 produced, used, or transported by Illinois companies with
19 emphasis on the following areas: maintaining and
20 increasing employment of Illinois workers in the steel
21 industry; steel preparation and characterization;
22 marketing; public awareness and education;
23 transportation; and environmental impacts.

24 (2) The support and coordination of American and
25 Canadian steel research, marketing, and promotion; the
26 approval of projects consistent with the annual agenda
27 and budget for steel research, marketing, and promotion;
28 and the approval of the annual budget and operating plan
29 for administration of the Board.

30 (3) The promotion and coordination of available
31 research, marketing, and promotional information on the
32 production, preparation, distribution, and uses of
33 American and Canadian steel. The Board shall advise the
34 existing research institutions within the State on areas

1 where research may be necessary.

2 (4) The cooperation to the fullest extent possible
3 with State and federal agencies and departments,
4 independent organizations, and other interested groups,
5 public and private, for the purposes of promoting
6 American and Canadian steel resources.

7 (5) The submission of an annual report to the
8 Governor and the General Assembly outlining the progress
9 and accomplishments made during the calendar year and
10 furnishing other relevant information.

11 (6) Focusing on existing steel research, marketing,
12 and promotion efforts in carrying out its mission, ways
13 to make use of existing facilities in Illinois or other
14 institutions carrying out research, marketing, and
15 promotion on American and Canadian steel and, as far as
16 practical, to make maximum use of the facilities
17 available in Illinois, including universities and
18 colleges located within the State of Illinois, and the
19 creation of a consortium or center that conducts,
20 coordinates, and supports steel research, promotion, and
21 marketing activities in the State of Illinois.
22 Programmatic activities of the consortium or center shall
23 be subject to approval by the Department and shall be
24 consistent with the purposes of this Section. The
25 Department may authorize the expenditure of funds in
26 support of the administrative and programmatic operations
27 of the center or consortium that is consistent with its
28 authority. Administrative actions undertaken by or for
29 the center or consortium shall be subject to the approval
30 of the Department.

31 (7) Reasonable ways, before initiating any
32 research, to avoid duplication of effort and expense
33 through the coordination of the research efforts of
34 various agencies, departments, universities or

1 organizations.

2 (8) The adoption, amendment, and repeal of rules,
3 regulations, and bylaws governing the Board's
4 organization and conduct of business.

5 (9) The search for, the acceptance, and the
6 expenditure of gifts or grants in any form, from any
7 public agency or from any other source. The gifts and
8 grants may be held in trust by the Department and
9 expended at the direction of the Department and in the
10 exercise of the Department's powers and performance of
11 the Department's duties.

12 (10) The publication, from time to time, of the
13 results of American and Canadian steel research,
14 marketing, and promotion projects funded through the
15 Department.

16 (c) The Board shall also provide advice and make
17 recommendations to the Department on the following:

18 (1) the creation and maintenance of current and
19 accurate records on all markets for and actual uses of
20 steel processed, utilized, or transported in Illinois and
21 ways of making those records available to the public upon
22 request;

23 (2) the identification of all current and
24 anticipated future technical, economic, institutional,
25 market, environmental, regulatory, and other impediments
26 to the use of American and Canadian steel and the
27 Illinois steel industry;

28 (3) the identification of alternative plans or
29 actions that would maintain or increase the use of
30 American and Canadian steel and the Illinois steel
31 industry; and

32 (4) the development of strategies and proposing
33 policies to promote responsible uses of American and
34 Canadian steel processed, used, or transported by the

1 Illinois steel industry.