



EXECUTIVE ORDER

2019-03

**EXECUTIVE ORDER STRENGTHENING THE STATE'S COMMITMENT TO
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND JOB CREATION**

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois should prioritize revitalizing economic growth and creating economic opportunity in communities across the entire state; and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois has failed to fully identify and embrace innovative strategies to focus workforce development dollars on emerging growth industries; and

WHEREAS, identifying and investing in growth industries, such as health care, information technology, and green technology, in growing manufacturing sectors, and in innovation to strengthen Illinois' critical agriculture industry will maximize job creation across the state and help us build a stronger economic foundation; and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois should place a high priority on aligning workforce development resources across related economic development, education, and workforce-based human services programs to ensure efficient and effective investment in emerging growth industries; and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois should work with employers to meet real-time shifts in market demand, using a data-driven approach and scaling best practices to ensure that resources are used effectively to train workers for industries that are hiring and position the State to attract federal funding; and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois has the opportunity to position itself to attract additional federal funding by better focusing existing resources, particularly by expanding state-, local- and industry-led partnerships that create and scale work-based learning to meet in-demand occupations; and

WHEREAS, Illinois government must address the failures of the previous administration head-on, get back to the basics of effective governing and create a plan to move our state forward into a new day; and

THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of Illinois, by virtue of the executive authority vested in me by Article V of the Constitution of the State of Illinois, hereby order as follows:

I. Review of Identified Targeted Growth Industries

The Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity shall, within 90 days of the effective date of this Executive Order, deliver a report to the Governor containing a comprehensive review of industries the Department has identified for targeted growth to determine the ongoing effectiveness of investment in those industries and to identify emerging opportunities for investment in growing industries.



II. Review of Effective and Efficient Investment in Targeted Industries

The Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity shall, within 90 days of the effective date of this Executive Order, deliver a report to the Governor containing a comprehensive review of the return on investment for targeted industries with recommendations for improving the efficiency and effectiveness of existing investment, and best practices and lessons learned for future investment in emerging growth industries.

III. Report on Improved Alignment of Workforce Resources for Disenfranchised Communities

The Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity shall, within 90 days of the effective date of this Executive Order, deliver a report to the Governor containing comprehensive recommendations for improving alignment of workforce resources for communities that have been disenfranchised, including rural and urban communities.

IV. Savings Clause

Nothing in this Executive Order shall be construed to contravene any federal or State law or regulation. Nothing in this Executive Order shall affect or alter the existing statutory powers of any State agency or be construed as a reassignment or reorganization of any State agency.

V. Prior Executive Orders

This Executive Order supersedes any contrary provision of any other prior Executive Order.

VI. Severability Clause

If any part of this Executive Order is found to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect. The provisions of this Executive Order are severable.

VII. Effective Date

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon its filing with the Secretary of State.

JB Pritzker, Governor

Issued by Governor: January 16, 2019

Filed with Secretary of State: _____