



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

HB3058

Introduced 2/6/2025, by Rep. Sonya M. Harper

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

30 ILCS 105/5.1030 new
30 ILCS 105/6z-144 new

Amends the State Finance Act. Creates the Growing Growers Fund as a special fund in the State treasury. Provides that moneys in the Fund may be used by the Department of Agriculture for making grants to socially disadvantaged farmers in food deserts. Authorizes the Department of Agriculture to adopt rules to implement the grant program. Provides that, on July 1, 2025, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Comptroller shall order transferred, and the Treasurer shall transfer, \$2,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund to the Growing Growers Fund.

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1 AN ACT concerning finance.

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

4 Section 5. The State Finance Act is amended by adding
5 Sections 5.1030 and 6z-144 as follows:

6 (30 ILCS 105/5.1030 new)

7 Sec. 5.1030. The Growing Growers Fund.

8 (30 ILCS 105/6z-144 new)

9 Sec. 6z-144. Growing Growers Fund.

10 (a) The Growing Growers Fund is hereby created as a
11 special fund in the State Treasury.

12 (b) Subject to appropriation, moneys in the Fund may be
13 used by the Department of Agriculture for making grants to
14 socially disadvantaged farmers in food deserts. The Department
15 of Agriculture may adopt rules to implement the grant program
16 established under this Section.

17 (c) On July 1, 2025, or as soon as possible thereafter, the
18 Comptroller shall order transferred, and the Treasurer shall
19 transfer, \$2,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund to the
20 Growing Growers Fund.