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**Enhanced Illinois Film Tax Credit Positions Champaign County for
Increased Film & Television Production**

Champaign, IL — The new enhancements to the Illinois Film Production Tax Credit, approved by the Illinois General Assembly and signed by Governor JB Pritzker, are expected to significantly boost film, television, and commercial production across the state, with Champaign County well positioned to benefit from this expanded opportunity.

The updated Illinois film credit strengthens the state’s competitive edge by increasing incentives for qualified production spending, extending eligibility timelines, and reinforcing Illinois’ reputation as a film-friendly destination. Productions can now receive a **35% tax credit on qualified Illinois expenditures**, up from 30%, including local labor, goods, and services, with additional advantages for longer-term projects. These changes make Illinois one of the most attractive Midwestern destinations for filmmakers seeking cost-effective, high-quality locations and experienced local support.

Filming in Champaign County allows for an **additional 5% credit** for Illinois resident salaries for productions filming outside of Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will Counties. The Champaign County region has been building an infrastructure for the film industry over the past decades, including multiple production companies, an indoor soundstage at Flyover Film Studios, background casting, and workforce development initiatives.

“Champaign County offers filmmakers a mix of diverse locations, accessible infrastructure, and a community that understands how to support production,” said Mark Brown, Director of Event Services and Film for Experience Champaign-Urbana. “With the enhanced state tax credit, we expect more projects to look beyond Chicago and discover the value our region brings to the industry.”

Film Champaign-Urbana, the official film office for Champaign County, housed under Experience Champaign-Urbana, is prepared to assist productions at every stage of the process. Services include location scouting, connections to local crew and vendors, guidance on permits and regulations, and coordination with municipalities and business owners to ensure smooth, efficient shoots.

“Our role is to remove barriers and help productions succeed,” added Brown. “Whether it’s finding the perfect location, navigating permits, or connecting filmmakers with trusted local partners, Film Champaign-Urbana is ready to make Champaign County a seamless and welcoming place to film.”



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Filmmakers and production companies interested in learning more about filming in Champaign County are encouraged to contact Film Champaign-Urbana.

To learn more about the Illinois Film Tax Credit, visit
<https://dceo.illinois.gov/whyillinois/film/filmtaxcredit.html>.

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About the Champaign County Film Office

Established in 2015, the Champaign County Film Office assists film productions in location scouting, permitting, and additional needs to ensure successful filming that benefits the greater Champaign-Urbana area. The Film Office maintains a locations database and connects residents, businesses, and service providers interested in involvement in the film industry with productions occurring in the area. Learn more at experiencecu.org/film.