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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 4261

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 4261, AS AMENDED,
3 by replacing everything after the enacting clause with the
4 following:

5 "Section 5. The Children and Family Services Act is
6 amended by changing Section 5.27 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 505/5.27)

8 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2026)

9 Sec. 5.27. Holistic Mental Health Care for Youth in Care
10 Task Force.

11 (a) The Holistic Mental Health Care for Youth in Care Task
12 Force is created. The Task Force shall review and make
13 recommendations regarding mental health and wellness services
14 provided to youth in care, including a program of holistic
15 mental health services provided 30 days after the date upon
16 which a youth is placed in foster care, in order to determine

1 how to best meet the mental health needs of youth in care.

2 Additionally, the Task Force shall:

3 (1) assess the capacity of State licensed mental
4 health professionals to provide preventive mental health
5 care to youth in care;

6 (2) review the current payment rates for mental health
7 providers serving the youth in care population;

8 (3) evaluate the process for smaller private practices
9 and agencies to bill through managed care, evaluate
10 delayed payments to mental health providers, and recommend
11 improvements to make billing practices more efficient;

12 (4) evaluate the recruitment and retention of mental
13 health providers who are persons of color to serve the
14 youth in care population; and

15 (5) any other relevant subject and processes as deemed
16 necessary by the Task Force.

17 (b) The Task Force shall have 9 members, comprised as
18 follows:

19 (1) The Director of Healthcare and Family Services or
20 the Director's designee.

21 (2) The Director of Children and Family Services or
22 the Director's designee.

23 (3) A member appointed by the Governor from the Office
24 of the Governor who has a focus on mental health issues.

25 (4) Two members from the House of Representatives,
26 appointed one each by the Speaker of the House of

1 Representatives and the Minority Leader of the House of
2 Representatives.

3 (5) Two members of the Senate, appointed one each by
4 the President of the Senate and the Minority Leader of the
5 Senate.

6 (6) One member who is a former youth in care,
7 appointed by the Governor.

8 (7) One representative from the managed care entity
9 managing the YouthCare program, appointed by the Director
10 of Healthcare and Family Services.

11 Task Force members shall serve without compensation but
12 may be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the
13 performance of their duties.

14 (c) The Task Force shall meet at least once each month
15 beginning no later than July 1, 2022 and at other times as
16 determined by the Task Force. The Task Force may hold
17 electronic meetings and a member of the Task Force shall be
18 deemed present for the purposes of establishing a quorum and
19 voting.

20 (d) The Department of Healthcare and Family Services, in
21 conjunction with the Department of Children and Family
22 Services, shall provide administrative and other support to
23 the Task Force.

24 (e) The Task Force shall prepare and submit to the
25 Governor and the General Assembly at the end of each quarter a
26 report that summarizes its work ~~and makes recommendations~~

1 ~~resulting from its study.~~ The Task Force shall submit its
2 final report to the Governor and the General Assembly no later
3 than December 31, 2025 ~~2024~~. Upon submission of its final
4 report, the Task Force is dissolved.

5 (f) This Section is repealed on January 1, 2026.

6 (Source: P.A. 102-898, eff. 5-25-22; 103-154, eff. 6-30-23.)

7 Section 10. The Department of Commerce and Economic
8 Opportunity Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois
9 is amended by adding Section 605-1115 as follows:

10 (20 ILCS 605/605-1115 new)

11 Sec. 605-1115. Creative Economy Task Force.

12 (a) Subject to appropriation, the Creative Economy Task
13 Force is created within the Department of Commerce and
14 Economic Opportunity to create a strategic plan to develop the
15 creative economy in this State.

16 (b) The Task Force shall consist of the following members:

17 (1) the Director of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
18 or the Director's designee, who shall serve as chair of
19 the Task Force;

20 (2) the Executive Director of the Illinois Arts
21 Council or the Executive Director's designee, who shall
22 serve as the vice-chair of the Task Force;

23 (3) one member appointed by the Speaker of the House
24 of Representatives;

1 (4) one member appointed by the Minority Leader of the
2 House of Representatives;

3 (5) one member appointed by the President of the
4 Senate;

5 (6) one member appointed by the Minority Leader of the
6 Senate;

7 (7) one member from the banking industry with
8 experience in matters involving the federal Small Business
9 Administration, appointed by the Governor;

10 (8) one member from a certified public accounting firm
11 or other company with experience in financial modeling and
12 the creative arts, appointed by the Governor;

13 (9) one member recommended by a statewide organization
14 representing counties, appointed by the Governor;

15 (10) one member from an Illinois public institution of
16 higher education or nonprofit research institution with
17 experience in matters involving cultural arts, appointed
18 by the Governor;

19 (11) the Director of Labor or the Director's designee;
20 and

21 (12) five members from this State's arts community,
22 appointed by the Governor, including, but not limited to,
23 the following sectors:

24 (A) film, television, and video production;

25 (B) recorded audio and music production;

26 (C) animation production;

1 (D) video game development;

2 (E) live theater, orchestra, ballet, and opera;

3 (F) live music performance;

4 (G) visual arts, including sculpture, painting,
5 graphic design, and photography;

6 (H) production facilities, such as film and
7 television studios;

8 (I) live music or performing arts venues; and

9 (J) arts service organizations.

10 (c) No later than July 1, 2026, the Task Force shall
11 collect and analyze data on the current state of the creative
12 economy in this State and develop a strategic plan to improve
13 this State's creative economy that can be rolled out in
14 incremental phases to reach identified economic, social
15 justice, and business development goals. The goal of the
16 strategic plan shall be to ensure that this State is
17 competitive with respect to attracting creative economy
18 business, retaining talent within this State, and developing
19 marketable content that can be exported for national and
20 international consumption and monetization. The strategic plan
21 shall address support for the creative community within
22 historically marginalized communities, as well as the creative
23 economy at large, and take into account the diverse interests,
24 strengths, and needs of the people of this State. In
25 developing the strategic plan for the creative economy in this
26 State, the Task Force shall:

1 (1) identify existing studies of aspects affecting the
2 creative economy, including studies relating to tax
3 issues, legislation, finance, population and demographics,
4 and employment;

5 (2) conduct a comparative analysis with other
6 jurisdictions that have successfully developed creative
7 economy plans and programs;

8 (3) conduct in-depth interviews to identify best
9 practices for structuring a strategic plan for this State;

10 (4) evaluate existing banking models for financing
11 creative economy projects in the private sector and
12 develop a financial model to promote investment in this
13 State's creative economy;

14 (5) evaluate existing federal, State, and local tax
15 incentives and make recommendations for improvements to
16 support the creative economy;

17 (6) identify the role that counties and cities play
18 with respect to the strategic plan and the specific
19 counties and cities that may need or want a stronger
20 creative economy;

21 (7) identify opportunities for aligning with new
22 business models and the integration of new technologies;

23 (8) identify the role that State education programs in
24 the creative arts play in the creative economy and with
25 respect to advancing the strategic plan;

26 (9) identify geographic areas with the least amount of

1 access or opportunity for a creative economy;

2 (10) identify opportunities for earn-and-learn job
3 training employment for students who have enrolled or
4 completed a program in the arts, low-income or unemployed
5 creative workers, and others with demonstrated interest in
6 creative work in their communities; and

7 (11) identify existing initiatives and projects that
8 can be used as models for earn-and-learn opportunities or
9 as examples of best practices for earn-and-learn
10 opportunities that can be replicated Statewide or in
11 different regions.

12 (d) The Task Force shall submit its findings and
13 recommendations to the General Assembly no later than July 1,
14 2026.

15 (e) Members of the Task Force shall serve without
16 compensation but may be reimbursed for necessary expenses
17 incurred in the performance of their duties. The Department of
18 Commerce and Economic Opportunity shall provide administrative
19 support to the Task Force.

20 (f) Appropriations for the Task Force may be used to
21 support operational expenses of the Department, including
22 entering into a contract with a third-party provider for
23 administrative support.

24 (g) The Director or the Director's designee may, after
25 issuing a request for proposals, designate a third-party
26 provider to help facilitate Task Force meetings, compile

1 information, and prepare the strategic plan described in
2 subsection (c). A third-party provider contracted by the
3 Director shall have experience conducting business in
4 professional arts or experience in business development and
5 drafting business plans and multidisciplinary planning
6 documents.

7 (h) This Section is repealed January 1, 2027.

8 Section 15. The Task Force on Missing and Murdered Chicago
9 Women Act is amended by changing Section 10 as follows:

10 (20 ILCS 4119/10)

11 Sec. 10. Task Force on Missing and Murdered Chicago Women.

12 (a) The Executive Director of the Illinois Criminal
13 Justice Information Authority or the Executive Director's
14 designee, in consultation with the Director of the Illinois
15 State Police and the Chicago Police Superintendent, shall
16 appoint the non-legislative members to the Task Force on
17 Missing and Murdered Chicago Women to advise the Director and
18 the Chicago Police Superintendent and to report to the General
19 Assembly on recommendations to reduce and end violence against
20 Chicago women and girls. The Task Force may also serve as a
21 liaison between the Director, the Chicago Police
22 Superintendent, and agencies and nongovernmental organizations
23 that provide services to victims, victims' families, and
24 victims' communities. Task Force members shall serve without

1 compensation but may, subject to appropriation, receive
2 reimbursement for their expenses as members of the Task Force.

3 (b) There is created the Task Force on Missing and
4 Murdered Chicago Women, which shall consist of the following
5 individuals, or their designees, who are knowledgeable in
6 crime victims' rights or violence protection and, unless
7 otherwise specified, members shall be appointed for 2-year
8 terms as follows:

9 (1) Two members of the Senate, one appointed by the
10 President of the Senate and one appointed by the Minority
11 Leader of the Senate;

12 (2) Two members of the House of Representatives, one
13 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives
14 and one appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of
15 Representatives;

16 (3) Two members from among the following appointed by
17 the Executive Director of the Illinois Criminal Justice
18 Information Authority or the Executive Director's
19 designee:

20 (A) an association representing Illinois chiefs of
21 police;

22 (B) an association representing Illinois sheriffs;

23 (C) an officer who is employed by the Illinois
24 State Police; or

25 (D) an Illinois peace officer's association;

26 (4) One or more representatives from among the

1 following:

2 (A) an association representing State's Attorneys;

3 (B) an attorney representing the United States
4 Attorney's Office in Chicago; ~~or~~

5 (C) a circuit judge, associate judge, or attorney
6 working in juvenile court; or

7 (D) the Cook County Medical Examiner, or his or
8 her designee, or a representative from a statewide
9 coroner's or medical examiner's association or a
10 representative of the Department of Public Health;

11 (5) Two representatives for victims, with a focus on
12 individuals who work with victims of violence or their
13 families appointed by the Executive Director of the
14 Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority or the
15 Executive Director's designee; ~~and~~

16 (6) Four or more members from among the following
17 appointed by the Executive Director of the Illinois
18 Criminal Justice Information Authority or the Executive
19 Director's designee:

20 (A) a statewide or local organization that
21 provides legal services to Chicago women and girls;

22 (B) a statewide or local organization that
23 provides advocacy or counseling for Chicago women and
24 girls who have been victims of violence;

25 (C) a statewide or local organization that
26 provides healthcare services to Chicago women and

1 girls;

2 (D) a statewide organization that represents women
3 and girls who have been sexually assaulted;

4 (E) a women's health organization or agency; or

5 (F) a Chicago woman who is a survivor of
6 gender-related violence; ~~and~~

7 (7) Two officers who are employed by the Chicago
8 Police Department nominated by the Chicago Police
9 Superintendent or the Chicago Police Superintendent's
10 designee and appointed by the Executive Director of the
11 Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority or the
12 Executive Director's designee.

13 (c) Vacancies in positions appointed by the Executive
14 Director of the Illinois Criminal Justice Information
15 Authority or the Executive Director's designee shall be filled
16 by the Executive Director of the Illinois Criminal Justice
17 Information Authority or the Executive Director's designee
18 consistent with the qualifications of the vacating member
19 required by this Section.

20 (d) Task Force members shall annually elect a chair and
21 vice-chair from among the Task Force's members, and may elect
22 other officers as necessary. The Task Force shall meet at
23 least quarterly, or upon the call of its chair, and may hold
24 meetings throughout the City of Chicago. The Task Force shall
25 meet frequently enough to accomplish the tasks identified in
26 this Section. Meetings of the Task Force are subject to the

1 Open Meetings Act. The Task Force shall seek out and enlist the
2 cooperation and assistance of nongovernmental organizations,
3 community, and advocacy organizations working with the Chicago
4 community, and academic researchers and experts, specifically
5 those specializing in violence against Chicago women and
6 girls, representing diverse communities disproportionately
7 affected by violence against women and girls, or focusing on
8 issues related to gender-related violence and violence against
9 Chicago women and girls.

10 (e) The Executive Director of the Illinois Criminal
11 Justice Information Authority or the Executive Director's
12 designee shall convene the first meeting of the Task Force no
13 later than 30 days after the appointment of a majority of the
14 members of the Task Force. The Illinois Criminal Justice
15 Information Authority shall provide meeting space and
16 administrative assistance as necessary for the Task Force to
17 conduct its work. The chair of the Task Force may call
18 electronic meetings of the Task Force. A member of the Task
19 Force participating electronically shall be deemed present for
20 purposes of establishing a quorum and voting.

21 (f) The Task Force must examine and report on the
22 following:

23 (1) the systemic causes behind violence that Chicago
24 women and girls experience, including patterns and
25 underlying factors that explain why disproportionately
26 high levels of violence occur against Chicago women and

1 girls, including underlying historical, social, economic,
2 institutional, and cultural factors that may contribute to
3 the violence;

4 (2) appropriate methods for tracking and collecting
5 data on violence against Chicago women and girls,
6 including data on missing and murdered Chicago women and
7 girls;

8 (3) policies and institutions such as policing, child
9 welfare, medical examiner practices, and other
10 governmental practices that impact violence against
11 Chicago women and girls and the investigation and
12 prosecution of crimes of gender-related violence against
13 Chicago residents;

14 (4) measures necessary to address and reduce violence
15 against Chicago women and girls; and

16 (5) measures to help victims, victims' families, and
17 victims' communities prevent and heal from violence that
18 occurs against Chicago women and girls.

19 (g) The Task Force shall report on or before December 31 of
20 2024, and on or before December 31 of each year thereafter, to
21 the General Assembly and the Governor on the work of the Task
22 Force, including, but not limited to, the issues to be
23 examined in subsection (g), and shall include in the annual
24 report recommendations regarding institutional policies and
25 practices or proposed institutional policies and practices
26 that are effective in reducing gender-related violence and

1 increasing the safety of Chicago women and girls. The report
2 shall include recommendations to reduce and end violence
3 against Chicago women and girls and help victims and
4 communities heal from gender-related violence and violence
5 against Chicago women and girls.

6 (Source: P.A. 102-1057, eff. 1-1-23; 103-154, eff. 6-30-23.)

7 Section 20. The Community Land Trust Task Force Act is
8 amended by changing Sections 20, 30, and 35 as follows:

9 (20 ILCS 4126/20)

10 (Section scheduled to be repealed on December 31, 2024)

11 Sec. 20. Meetings. The Task Force shall hold its initial
12 meetings within 60 days after the effective date of this Act.
13 The Task Force shall meet at least 6 times before July 1, 2025
14 ~~December 31, 2024~~. Additional meetings may be called at the
15 direction of the co-chairs.

16 (Source: P.A. 103-250, eff. 6-30-23.)

17 (20 ILCS 4126/30)

18 (Section scheduled to be repealed on December 31, 2024)

19 Sec. 30. Report. The Task Force shall submit its final
20 report to the Governor and General Assembly no later than
21 December 31, 2025 ~~2024~~. The final report shall be made
22 available on the Illinois Housing Development Authority's
23 website for viewing by the general public.

1 (Source: P.A. 103-250, eff. 6-30-23.)

2 (20 ILCS 4126/35)

3 (Section scheduled to be repealed on December 31, 2024)

4 Sec. 35. Dissolution; repeal. The Task Force is dissolved
5 and this Act is repealed on December 31, 2025 ~~2024~~.

6 (Source: P.A. 103-250, eff. 6-30-23.)

7 Section 25. The Illinois Flag Commission Act is amended by
8 changing Section 5 as follows:

9 (20 ILCS 4127/5)

10 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2026)

11 Sec. 5. Illinois Flag Commission.

12 (a) The Illinois Flag Commission is hereby established.

13 (b) The purposes of the Commission are to develop new
14 State flag designs and to make recommendations to the General
15 Assembly concerning whether the current State flag ought to be
16 replaced with a redesigned State flag.

17 (c) The Commission shall consist of the following members:

18 (1) the Secretary of State or the Secretary of State's
19 designee, who shall serve as Chair of the Commission;

20 (2) 3 members appointed by the Governor;

21 (3) 4 members appointed by the President of the
22 Senate, not more than one of whom may be a current member
23 of the General Assembly;

1 (4) 4 members appointed by the Speaker of the House of
2 Representatives, not more than one of whom may be a
3 current member of the General Assembly;

4 (5) 4 members appointed by the Minority Leader of the
5 Senate, not more than one of whom may be a current member
6 of the General Assembly;

7 (6) 4 members appointed by the Minority Leader of the
8 House of Representatives, not more than one of whom may be
9 a current member of the General Assembly;

10 (7) the State Superintendent of Education or the
11 Superintendent's designee; and

12 (8) the Chairperson of the Board of the Illinois State
13 Museum or the Chairperson's designee.

14 (d) In furtherance of its purposes under this Act, the
15 Commission shall:

16 (1) establish and adopt goals and guiding principles
17 for the redesign of the State flag;

18 (2) establish a process for the submission of proposed
19 designs for a new or revised State flag and guidelines for
20 the assessment of those proposed designs;

21 (3) create a publicly accessible website that
22 provides:

23 (A) historical information about the State flag;

24 (B) a timeline and explanation of the process to
25 be used to redesign the State flag;

26 (C) an online suggestion box through which

1 residents can offer design ideas for the State flag;
2 and

3 (D) a survey function through which residents can
4 vote on potential State flag designs;

5 (4) engage in a public awareness campaign with the
6 design community and advocacy groups, as well as Illinois
7 schools, universities, and public libraries, concerning
8 the Commission's efforts to redesign the State flag;

9 (5) select, on or before January 1, 2025 ~~September 1,~~
10 ~~2024~~, a group of no more than 10 proposed flag designs
11 that:

12 (A) represent the State; and

13 (B) adhere to the guiding principles established
14 by the Commission under subparagraph (1);

15 (6) develop a review and selection process for
16 proposed flag designs that incorporates the input of
17 children and young people in the State;

18 (7) on or before April 1, 2025 ~~December 3, 2024~~,
19 submit to the General Assembly a written report that
20 describes:

21 (A) the proposed flag designs submitted to the
22 Commission;

23 (B) the process used by the Commission to review
24 the proposed flag designs submitted to it;

25 (C) the group of no more than 10 proposed flag
26 designs selected by the Commission;

1 (D) the Commission's recommendation for a revised
2 or new State flag; and

3 (E) the Commission's recommendations to the
4 General Assembly concerning whether the current State
5 flag ought to be retained or replaced with a revised or
6 new State flag.

7 (e) The appointing authorities shall make appointments to
8 the Commission as soon as practicable after the effective date
9 of this Act, and the Chair of the Commission shall convene the
10 first meeting of the Commission by no later than June 30, 2024
11 ~~September 1, 2023~~. Subsequent meetings of the Commission shall
12 convene at the call of the Chair of the Commission. A majority
13 of all the appointed members of the Commission shall
14 constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and all
15 recommendations of the Commission shall require approval of a
16 majority of the members of the Commission. Meetings of the
17 Commission are subject to the Open Meetings Act.

18 (f) Members of the Commission shall serve without
19 compensation but may be provided, from moneys appropriated to
20 the Secretary of State for implementation of this Section, a
21 per diem established by the Secretary of State to cover
22 reasonable meal, travel, and lodging expenses incurred by
23 Commission members as a result of their duties under this
24 Section.

25 (g) The Office of the Secretary of State shall provide
26 administrative support to the Commission.

1 (Source: P.A. 103-513, eff. 8-7-23.)

2 Section 30. The Alternative Protein Innovation Task Force
3 Act is amended by changing Section 20 as follows:

4 (20 ILCS 4128/20)

5 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2025)

6 Sec. 20. Report; dissolution of Task Force; repeal of Act.

7 (a) The Task Force shall submit a report of its findings
8 and recommendations to the General Assembly no later than June
9 30, 2025 ~~2024~~.

10 (b) The Task Force shall be dissolved on December 31, 2025
11 ~~2024~~.

12 (c) This Act is repealed on January 1, 2026 ~~2025~~.

13 (Source: P.A. 103-543, eff. 8-11-23; 103-564, eff. 11-17-23.)

14 Section 35. The Legislative Commission Reorganization Act
15 of 1984 is amended by changing Section 4-7 as follows:

16 (25 ILCS 130/4-7) (from Ch. 63, par. 1004-7)

17 Sec. 4-7. The Commission on Government Forecasting and
18 Accountability shall report to the Governor and to the
19 Legislature ~~within 15 days after the convening of each General~~
20 ~~Assembly, and at such other time~~ as it deems appropriate. The
21 members of all committees which it establishes shall serve
22 without compensation for such service, but they shall be paid

1 their necessary expenses in carrying out their obligations
2 under this Act. The Commission may by contributions to the
3 Council of State Governments, participate with other states in
4 maintaining the said Council's district and central
5 secretariats, and its other governmental services.

6 The requirement for reporting to the General Assembly
7 shall be satisfied by filing copies of the report with the
8 Speaker, the Minority Leader and the Clerk of the House of
9 Representatives and the President, the Minority Leader and the
10 Secretary of the Senate, and filing such additional copies
11 with the State Government Report Distribution Center for the
12 General Assembly as is required under paragraph (t) of Section
13 7 of the State Library Act.

14 (Source: P.A. 100-1148, eff. 12-10-18.)

15 Section 40. The School Code is amended by changing Section
16 21B-30 as follows:

17 (105 ILCS 5/21B-30)

18 Sec. 21B-30. Educator testing.

19 (a) (Blank).

20 (b) The State Board of Education, in consultation with the
21 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, shall design
22 and implement a system of examinations, which shall be
23 required prior to the issuance of educator licenses. These
24 examinations and indicators must be based on national and

1 State professional teaching standards, as determined by the
2 State Board of Education, in consultation with the State
3 Educator Preparation and Licensure Board. The State Board of
4 Education may adopt such rules as may be necessary to
5 implement and administer this Section.

6 (c) (Blank).

7 (c-5) The State Board must adopt rules to implement a
8 paraprofessional competency test. This test would allow an
9 applicant seeking an Educator License with Stipulations with a
10 paraprofessional educator endorsement to obtain the
11 endorsement if he or she passes the test and meets the other
12 requirements of subparagraph (J) of paragraph (2) of Section
13 21B-20 other than the higher education requirements.

14 (d) All applicants seeking a State license shall be
15 required to pass a test of content area knowledge for each area
16 of endorsement for which there is an applicable test. There
17 shall be no exception to this requirement. No candidate shall
18 be allowed to student teach or serve as the teacher of record
19 until he or she has passed the applicable content area test.

20 (d-5) The State Board shall consult with any applicable
21 vendors within 90 days after July 28, 2023 (the effective date
22 of Public Act 103-402) ~~this amendatory Act of the 103rd~~
23 ~~General Assembly~~ to develop a plan to transition the test of
24 content area knowledge in the endorsement area of elementary
25 education, grades one through 6, by July 1, 2026 to a content
26 area test that contains testing elements that cover

1 bilingualism, biliteracy, oral language development,
2 foundational literacy skills, and developmentally appropriate
3 higher-order comprehension and on which a valid and reliable
4 language and literacy subscore can be determined. The State
5 Board shall base its rules concerning the passing subscore on
6 the language and literacy portion of the test on the
7 recommended cut-score determined in the formal
8 standard-setting process. Candidates need not achieve a
9 particular subscore in the area of language and literacy. The
10 State Board shall aggregate and publish the number of
11 candidates in each preparation program who take the test and
12 the number who pass the language and literacy portion.

13 (e) (Blank).

14 (f) Beginning on August 4, 2023 (the effective date of
15 Public Act 103-488) ~~this amendatory Act of the 103rd General~~
16 ~~Assembly~~ through August 31, 2025, no candidate completing a
17 teacher preparation program in this State or candidate subject
18 to Section 21B-35 of this Code is required to pass a teacher
19 performance assessment. Except as otherwise provided in this
20 Article, beginning on September 1, 2015 until August 4, 2023
21 (the effective date of Public Act 103-488) ~~this amendatory Act~~
22 ~~of the 103rd General Assembly~~ and beginning again on September
23 1, 2025, all candidates completing teacher preparation
24 programs in this State and all candidates subject to Section
25 21B-35 of this Code are required to pass a teacher performance
26 assessment approved by the State Board of Education, in

1 consultation with the State Educator Preparation and Licensure
2 Board. A candidate may not be required to submit test
3 materials by video submission. Subject to appropriation, an
4 individual who holds a Professional Educator License and is
5 employed for a minimum of one school year by a school district
6 designated as Tier 1 under Section 18-8.15 may, after
7 application to the State Board, receive from the State Board a
8 refund for any costs associated with completing the teacher
9 performance assessment under this subsection.

10 (f-5) The Teacher Performance Assessment Task Force is
11 created to evaluate potential performance-based and objective
12 teacher performance assessment systems for implementation
13 across all educator preparation programs in this State, with
14 the intention of ensuring consistency across programs and
15 supporting a thoughtful and well-rounded licensure system.
16 Members appointed to the Task Force must reflect the racial,
17 ethnic, and geographic diversity of this State. The Task Force
18 shall consist of all of the following members:

19 (1) One member of the Senate, appointed by the
20 President of the Senate.

21 (2) One member of the Senate, appointed by the
22 Minority Leader of the Senate.

23 (3) One member of the House of Representatives,
24 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

25 (4) One member of the House of Representatives,
26 appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of

1 Representatives.

2 (5) One member who represents a statewide professional
3 teachers' organization, appointed by the State
4 Superintendent of Education.

5 (6) One member who represents a different statewide
6 professional teachers' organization, appointed by the
7 State Superintendent of Education.

8 (7) One member from a statewide organization
9 representing school principals, appointed by the State
10 Superintendent of Education.

11 (8) One member from a statewide organization
12 representing regional superintendents of schools,
13 appointed by the State Superintendent of Education.

14 (9) One member from a statewide organization
15 representing school administrators, appointed by the State
16 Superintendent of Education.

17 (10) One member representing a school district
18 organized under Article 34 of this Code, appointed by the
19 State Superintendent of Education.

20 (11) One member of an association representing rural
21 and small schools, appointed by the State Superintendent
22 of Education.

23 (12) One member representing a suburban school
24 district, appointed by the State Superintendent of
25 Education.

26 (13) One member from a statewide organization

1 representing school districts in the southern suburbs of
2 the City of Chicago, appointed by the State Superintendent
3 of Education.

4 (14) One member from a statewide organization
5 representing large unit school districts, appointed by the
6 State Superintendent of Education.

7 (15) One member from a statewide organization
8 representing school districts in the collar counties of
9 the City of Chicago, appointed by the State Superintendent
10 of Education.

11 (16) Three members, each representing a different
12 public university in this State and each a current member
13 of the faculty of an approved educator preparation
14 program, appointed by the State Superintendent of
15 Education.

16 (17) Three members, each representing a different
17 4-year nonpublic university or college in this State and
18 each a current member of the faculty of an approved
19 educator preparation program, appointed by the State
20 Superintendent of Education.

21 (18) One member of the Board of Higher Education,
22 appointed by the State Superintendent of Education.

23 (19) One member representing a statewide policy
24 organization advocating on behalf of multilingual students
25 and families, appointed by the State Superintendent of
26 Education.

1 (20) One member representing a statewide organization
2 focused on research-based education policy to support a
3 school system that prepares all students for college, a
4 career, and democratic citizenship, appointed by the State
5 Superintendent of Education.

6 (21) Two members representing an early childhood
7 advocacy organization, appointed by the State
8 Superintendent of Education.

9 (22) One member representing a statewide organization
10 that partners with educator preparation programs and
11 school districts to support the growth and development of
12 preservice teachers, appointed by the State Superintendent
13 of Education.

14 (23) One member representing a statewide organization
15 that advocates for educational equity and racial justice
16 in schools, appointed by the State Superintendent of
17 Education.

18 (24) One member representing a statewide organization
19 that represents school boards, appointed by the State
20 Superintendent of Education.

21 (25) One member who has, within the last 5 years,
22 served as a cooperating teacher, appointed by the State
23 Superintendent of Education.

24 Members of the Task Force shall serve without
25 compensation. The Task Force shall first meet at the call of
26 the State Superintendent of Education, and each subsequent

1 meeting shall be called by the chairperson of the Task Force,
2 who shall be designated by the State Superintendent of
3 Education. The State Board of Education shall provide
4 administrative and other support to the Task Force.

5 On or before October 31, 2024 ~~August 1, 2024~~, the Task
6 Force shall report on its work, including recommendations on a
7 teacher performance assessment system in this State, to the
8 State Board of Education and the General Assembly. The Task
9 Force is dissolved upon submission of this report.

10 (g) The content area knowledge test and the teacher
11 performance assessment shall be the tests that from time to
12 time are designated by the State Board of Education, in
13 consultation with the State Educator Preparation and Licensure
14 Board, and may be tests prepared by an educational testing
15 organization or tests designed by the State Board of
16 Education, in consultation with the State Educator Preparation
17 and Licensure Board. The test of content area knowledge shall
18 assess content knowledge in a specific subject field. The
19 tests must be designed to be racially neutral to ensure that no
20 person taking the tests is discriminated against on the basis
21 of race, color, national origin, or other factors unrelated to
22 the person's ability to perform as a licensed employee. The
23 score required to pass the tests shall be fixed by the State
24 Board of Education, in consultation with the State Educator
25 Preparation and Licensure Board. The tests shall be
26 administered not fewer than 3 times a year at such time and

1 place as may be designated by the State Board of Education, in
2 consultation with the State Educator Preparation and Licensure
3 Board.

4 The State Board shall implement a test or tests to assess
5 the speaking, reading, writing, and grammar skills of
6 applicants for an endorsement or a license issued under
7 subdivision (G) of paragraph (2) of Section 21B-20 of this
8 Code in the English language and in the language of the
9 transitional bilingual education program requested by the
10 applicant.

11 (h) Except as provided in Section 34-6 of this Code, the
12 provisions of this Section shall apply equally in any school
13 district subject to Article 34 of this Code.

14 (i) The rules developed to implement and enforce the
15 testing requirements under this Section shall include, without
16 limitation, provisions governing test selection, test
17 validation, and determination of a passing score,
18 administration of the tests, frequency of administration,
19 applicant fees, frequency of applicants taking the tests, the
20 years for which a score is valid, and appropriate special
21 accommodations. The State Board of Education shall develop
22 such rules as may be needed to ensure uniformity from year to
23 year in the level of difficulty for each form of an assessment.
24 (Source: P.A. 102-301, eff. 8-26-21; 103-402, eff. 7-28-23;
25 103-488, eff. 8-4-23; revised 9-1-23.)

1 Section 45. The Rental Housing Support Program Act is
2 amended by changing Section 30 as follows:

3 (310 ILCS 105/30)

4 (Section scheduled to be repealed on September 30, 2024)

5 Sec. 30. Illinois Rental Housing Support Program Funding
6 Allocation Task Force.

7 (a) The Illinois Rental Housing Support Program Funding
8 Allocation Task Force is hereby created. The Task Force shall
9 consist of the following members:

10 (1) One member appointed by the President of the
11 Senate.

12 (2) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the
13 Senate.

14 (3) One member appointed by the Speaker of the House
15 of Representatives.

16 (4) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the
17 House of Representatives.

18 (5) One member appointed by the Illinois Housing
19 Development Authority.

20 (6) One member representing the Chicago Low-Income
21 Housing Trust Fund, appointed by the Board of Directors of
22 the Trust Fund.

23 (7) One member representing a local administering
24 agency from Cook County (excluding Chicago), DuPage
25 County, Lake County, Kane County, Will County, or McHenry

1 County, appointed by the Governor.

2 (8) One member, appointed by the Governor,
3 representing a local administering agency from a small
4 metropolitan area from one of the following areas:
5 Springfield, Rockford, Peoria, Decatur, Champaign, Urbana,
6 Bloomington, Normal, Rock Island, DeKalb, Madison County,
7 Moline, Pekin, Rantoul, or St. Clair County.

8 (9) One member representing a local administering
9 agency from a rural area, appointed by the Governor; as
10 used in this paragraph, "rural area" means an area of the
11 State that is not specifically named in paragraph (7) or
12 (8).

13 (10) Three members from an organization representing
14 Illinois county clerks and recorders, appointed by the
15 Governor, as follows:

16 (A) one member from Cook County (excluding
17 Chicago), DuPage County, Lake County, Kane County,
18 Will County, or McHenry County;

19 (B) one member from a small metropolitan area from
20 one of the following areas: the cities of Springfield,
21 Rockford, Peoria, Decatur, Champaign, Urbana,
22 Bloomington, Normal, Rock Island, DeKalb, Moline,
23 Pekin, or Rantoul or Madison County or St. Clair
24 County; and

25 (C) one member from a rural area, appointed by the
26 Governor; as used in this subparagraph, "rural area"

1 means an area of the State that is not specifically
2 named in subparagraph (A) or (B).

3 (11) Up to two members representing a Section
4 501(c)(3) affordable housing advocacy organization,
5 appointed by the Governor.

6 (12) One additional member appointed by the Governor.

7 Members of the Task Force must be appointed no later than
8 30 days after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the
9 102nd General Assembly. If any members are not appointed
10 within the 30-day period, the entity or person responsible for
11 making the appointment shall be deemed to have forfeited the
12 right to make such appointment.

13 (b) Once appointed, the members shall elect a chairperson
14 and vice chairperson by a simple majority vote.

15 If a vacancy occurs on the Task Force, it shall be filled
16 according to the initial appointment.

17 At the discretion of the chair, additional individuals may
18 participate as nonvoting members in the meetings of the Task
19 Force.

20 Members of the Task Force shall serve without
21 compensation. The Illinois Housing Development Authority shall
22 provide staff and administrative services to the Task Force.

23 (c) Once all members have been appointed, the Task Force
24 shall meet not less than 3 times to carry out the duties
25 prescribed in this Section. Members of the Task Force may
26 attend such meetings virtually.

1 (d) A report delineating the Task Force's findings,
2 conclusions, and recommendations shall be submitted to the
3 General Assembly no later than September 30, 2024 ~~2023~~.

4 (e) The members of the Task Force are exempt from
5 requirements of the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act,
6 the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act, or any other applicable
7 law or regulation that would require Task Force members to
8 complete trainings, disclosures, or other filings since the
9 Task Force is of limited duration and is charged only with
10 delivering a non-binding report.

11 (f) The Task Force shall study and make recommendations
12 regarding the equitable distribution of rental housing support
13 funds across the State. The Task Force shall also work with the
14 Illinois Housing Development Authority as funding allocations
15 will be required to be adjusted due to data released by the
16 United States Census Bureau on the 2020 decennial census.

17 (g) This Section is repealed on September 30, 2025 ~~2024~~.
18 (Source: P.A. 102-1135, eff. 7-1-23.)

19 Section 50. The State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor's
20 Act is amended by changing Section 3 as follows:

21 (725 ILCS 210/3) (from Ch. 14, par. 203)

22 Sec. 3. There is created the Office of the State's
23 Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor as a judicial agency of State
24 government.

1 (a) The Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate
2 Prosecutor shall be governed by a board of governors which
3 shall consist of 10 members as follows:

4 (1) Eight State's Attorneys, 2 to be elected from each
5 District containing less than 3,000,000 inhabitants;

6 (2) The State's Attorney of Cook County or his or her
7 designee; and

8 (3) One State's Attorney to be bi-annually appointed
9 by the other 9 members.

10 (b) Voting for elected members shall be by District with
11 each of the State's Attorneys voting from their respective
12 district. Each board member must be duly elected or appointed
13 and serving as State's Attorney in the district from which he
14 was elected or appointed.

15 (c) Elected members shall serve for a term of 2 years
16 commencing upon their election and until their successors are
17 duly elected or appointed and qualified.

18 (d) A bi-annual election of members of the board shall be
19 held within 30 days prior or subsequent to the beginning of
20 each odd numbered calendar year, and the board shall certify
21 the results to the Secretary of State.

22 (e) The board shall promulgate rules of procedure for the
23 election of its members and the conduct of its meetings and
24 shall elect a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman and such other
25 officers as it deems appropriate. The board shall meet at
26 least once every 6 ~~3~~ months, and in addition thereto as

1 directed by the Chairman, or upon the special call of any 5
2 members of the board, in writing, sent to the Chairman,
3 designating the time and place of the meeting.

4 (f) Five members of the board shall constitute a quorum
5 for the purpose of transacting business.

6 (g) Members of the board shall serve without compensation,
7 but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the
8 performance of their duties.

9 (h) A position shall be vacated by either a member's
10 resignation, removal or inability to serve as State's
11 Attorney.

12 (i) Vacancies on the board of elected members shall be
13 filled within 90 days of the occurrence of the vacancy by a
14 special election held by the State's Attorneys in the district
15 where the vacancy occurred. Vacancies on the board of the
16 appointed member shall be filled within 90 days of the
17 occurrence of the vacancy by a special election by the
18 members. In the case of a special election, the tabulation and
19 certification of the results may be conducted at any regularly
20 scheduled quarterly or special meeting called for that
21 purpose. A member elected or appointed to fill such position
22 shall serve for the unexpired term of the member whom he is
23 succeeding. Any member may be re-elected or re-appointed for
24 additional terms.

25 (Source: P.A. 102-16, eff. 6-17-21; 102-687, eff. 12-17-21.)

1 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
2 becoming law.".