



101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2019 and 2020

HB1588

by Rep. Sonya M. Harper

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 205/205-28 new

Amends the Department of Agriculture Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Provides that on or before December 31, 2020, the Director of Agriculture, or his or her designee, shall prepare a report to be delivered the Chairperson of the Agriculture Committee of the Senate, and the Chairperson of the Agriculture & Conservation Committee of the House of Representatives regarding the Department's accomplishments and future goals in the following areas: facilitating the start-up, modernization, or expansion of livestock operations including beginning and transitioning livestock operations; developing new markets for this State's farmers by providing more fruits, vegetables, meat, grain, and dairy for school children of this State; assisting agricultural businesses to begin or expand, access new markets, or diversify products; developing urban agriculture; facilitating the start-up, modernization, or expansion of other beginning and transitioning farms; sustainable agriculture on farm research and demonstration; and the development or expansion of food hubs and other alternative community-based food distribution systems. Repealed on January 1, 2021.

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1 AN ACT concerning State government.

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

4 Section 5. The Department of Agriculture Law of the Civil
5 Administrative Code of Illinois is amended by adding Section
6 205-28 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 205/205-28 new)

8 Sec. 205-28. Agricultural markets report. On or before
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18 farmers by providing more fruits, vegetables, meat, grain, and
19 dairy for school children of this State; assisting agricultural
20 businesses to begin or expand, access new markets, or diversify
21 products; developing urban agriculture; facilitating the
22 start-up, modernization, or expansion of other beginning and
23 transitioning farms; sustainable agriculture on farm research

1 and demonstration; and the development or expansion of food
2 hubs and other alternative community-based food distribution
3 systems. This Section is repealed January 1, 2021.