

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 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the  
5 Illinois Human Services Commission Act.

6 Section 5. Legislative findings. The General Assembly  
7 finds that:

8 (1) The State of Illinois depends upon public and private  
9 service providers to deliver many critical human services  
10 necessary to protect and enhance the welfare of its citizens,  
11 including its most vulnerable populations.

12 (2) The citizens of Illinois and their communities depend  
13 upon these services to protect public health, create individual  
14 and family well-being, improve public safety, revitalize local  
15 economies, and enhance learning.

16 (3) Human services play a vital role in every community and  
17 legislative district across the State, providing jobs and  
18 revenue in addition to services and supports to children and  
19 youth, families, workers, the elderly, people with  
20 disabilities, and other vulnerable populations.

21 (4) A strong and well-managed network of public and private  
22 human services is integral to the achievement of other State  
23 goals in the areas of health and wellness, educational

1 outcomes, workforce development, and an improved business  
2 climate.

3 (5) A lack of adequate appropriations, clear goals,  
4 spending priorities, and measurable outcomes along with delays  
5 in payments, inadequate rates, duplicative reporting  
6 requirements, and other systemic barriers prevent private  
7 entities from achieving the goal of a strong and effective  
8 network of well-managed public and private service providers.

9 (6) The maintenance of a strong and well-managed network of  
10 human services requires a joint planning process that brings  
11 together public and private experts in human services to  
12 identify best practices and strategies.

13 Section 10. Illinois Human Services Commission. The  
14 Illinois Human Services Commission is created to undertake a  
15 systematic review of human services programs with the goal of  
16 ensuring their consistent delivery in the State.

17 Section 15. Duties.

18 (a) The Commission shall review all State human services  
19 programs and make recommendations for achieving a system that  
20 will provide for the efficient and effective delivery of high  
21 quality human services. These recommendations shall include  
22 the following elements:

23 (1) Ensuring adequate appropriations for the provision  
24 of human services.

1           (2) Establishing processes for determining fair,  
2 adequate, and timely reimbursement.

3           (3) Maintaining efficient management of publicly  
4 funded programs and services.

5           (4) Implementing best practices within the human  
6 services field.

7           (5) Creating outcome measures and accountability  
8 mechanisms.

9           (6) Developing projections for future human services  
10 needs based on demographic trends and other related  
11 variables.

12         (b) The Commission shall make best efforts to:

13           (1) Use existing reports, research, and planning  
14 efforts and call for additional reports and research to  
15 support its work.

16           (2) Seek input from existing advisory councils and task  
17 forces that address human services delivery, as well as  
18 other human services experts and the public at large,  
19 including one or more public hearings to take and consider  
20 public comment.

21           (3) Identify opportunities for increased efficiency or  
22 cross-agency collaboration regarding human services  
23 delivery.

24         Section 20. Membership; appointments; meetings; support.

25         (a) The Commission shall include representation from both

1 public and private organizations, and its membership shall  
2 reflect regional, racial, and cultural diversity to ensure  
3 representation of the needs of all Illinois citizens.  
4 Commission members shall include one member appointed by the  
5 President of the Senate, one member appointed by the Minority  
6 Leader of the Senate, one member appointed by the Speaker of  
7 the House of Representatives, one member appointed by the  
8 Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, and other  
9 members appointed by the Governor. The Governor's appointments  
10 shall include, without limitation, the following:

11 (1) A co-chair from the Office of the Governor and a  
12 co-chair not employed by a governmental entity to represent  
13 the interests of nongovernmental organizations.

14 (2) Eight members of the General Assembly representing  
15 each of the majority and minority caucuses of each chamber.

16 (3) The Directors or Secretaries of the following State  
17 agencies or their designees:

18 (A) Department of Human Services.

19 (B) Department of Children and Family Services.

20 (C) Department of Healthcare and Family Services.

21 (D) State Board of Education.

22 (E) Department on Aging.

23 (F) Department of Juvenile Justice.

24 (G) Department of Corrections.

25 (H) Department of Public Health.

26 (4) Local government stakeholders and nongovernmental

1 stakeholders with an interest in human services, including  
2 representation among the following private-sector fields  
3 and constituencies:

4 (A) Early childhood education and development.

5 (B) Child care.

6 (C) Child welfare.

7 (D) Youth services.

8 (E) Developmental disabilities.

9 (F) Mental health.

10 (H) Employment and training.

11 (I) Sexual and domestic violence.

12 (J) Alcohol and substance abuse.

13 (K) Local community collaborations among human  
14 services programs.

15 (L) Immigrant services.

16 (M) Affordable housing.

17 (N) Re-entry.

18 (O) Food and nutrition.

19 (P) Homelessness.

20 (Q) Older adults.

21 (R) Physical disabilities.

22 (S) Business.

23 (T) Philanthropy.

24 (U) Labor.

25 (V) Law enforcement.

26 (W) Maternal and child health.

1           (5) A representative of a maternal and child health  
2           training program at a public university in the State.

3           (b) Members shall serve without compensation for the  
4           duration of the Commission.

5           (c) In the event of a vacancy, the appointment to fill the  
6           vacancy shall be made in the same manner as the original  
7           appointment.

8           (d) The Commission shall convene within 60 days after the  
9           effective date of this Act. The initial meeting of the  
10          Commission shall be convened by the co-chair selected by the  
11          Governor. Subsequent meetings shall convene at the call of the  
12          co-chairs. The Commission shall meet on a quarterly basis, or  
13          more often if necessary.

14          (e) The Department of Human Services shall provide  
15          administrative support to the Commission.

16          Section 25. Report. The Commission shall report to the  
17          Governor and the General Assembly on the Commission's progress  
18          toward its goals and objectives by June 30, 2013, and every  
19          June 30 thereafter.

20          Section 30. Transparency. In addition to whatever policies  
21          or procedures it may adopt, all operations of the Commission  
22          shall be subject to the provisions of the Freedom of  
23          Information Act and the Open Meetings Act. This Section shall  
24          not be construed so as to preclude other State laws from

1 applying to the Commission and its activities.