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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 3139

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 3139 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Illinois Plain Language Task Force Act is  
5 amended by changing Sections 5, 10, 15, 20, and 25 and by  
6 adding Sections 30 and 35 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 4090/5)

8 Sec. 5. Purpose. The mission of the Illinois Plain Language  
9 Task Force is to implement, monitor, and maintain the mission  
10 of this Act, including developing training requirements and  
11 other assistance, and to conduct a study on, and to propose any  
12 additional legislative measures designed to realize:

13 (1) the potential benefits of incorporating plain  
14 language in State government documents, statutes, and  
15 contracts into which the State enters; and

16 (2) how plain language principles might be

1 incorporated into the statutes governing contracts among  
2 private parties so as to provide additional protections to  
3 Illinois consumers, to reduce litigation between private  
4 parties over the meaning of contractual terms, and to  
5 foster judicial economy.

6 (Source: P.A. 96-350, eff. 8-13-09.)

7 (20 ILCS 4090/10)

8 Sec. 10. Definition. As used in this Act:

9 "Plain language" shall have the same meaning as "plain  
10 writing" as used in the federal Plain Writing Act of 2010, and  
11 subsequent guidance documents, including the Federal Plain  
12 Language Guidelines ~~has the same meaning ascribed to it in the~~  
13 ~~Executive Memorandum of the President of the United States,~~  
14 ~~mandating that Federal Agencies and Federal Administrative~~  
15 ~~Rules employ plain language, issued June 1, 1998, namely that~~  
16 ~~"plain language" documents have logical organization,~~  
17 ~~easy to read design features, and use: (i) common, everyday~~  
18 ~~words, except for necessary technical terms; (ii) "you" and~~  
19 ~~other pronouns; (iii) the active voice; and (iv) short~~  
20 ~~sentences.~~

21 (Source: P.A. 96-350, eff. 8-13-09.)

22 (20 ILCS 4090/15)

23 Sec. 15. Task Force.

24 (a) The Illinois Plain Language Task Force is hereby

1 created. The Illinois Plain Language Task Force shall be  
2 chaired by the Governor or his or her designee and shall  
3 consist of the following members: one member appointed by the  
4 Illinois Attorney General; one member appointed by the Senate  
5 President; one member appointed by the Minority Leader of the  
6 Senate; one member appointed by the Speaker of the House; one  
7 member appointed by the Minority Leader of the House; and 3  
8 members appointed by the Governor, ~~one of whom represents the~~  
9 ~~interests of the banking industry, one of whom represents the~~  
10 ~~interests of the business community, and one of whom represents~~  
11 ~~the interests of the consumers.~~

12 (b) Members of the Task Force must be appointed no later  
13 than 90 days after the effective date of this Act.

14 (c) If a vacancy occurs on the Task Force, it shall be  
15 filled according to the guidelines of the initial appointment.

16 (d) At the discretion of the chair, additional individuals  
17 may participate as non-voting members in the meetings of the  
18 Task Force.

19 (e) Members of the Illinois Plain Language Task Force shall  
20 serve without compensation. The Office of the Governor shall  
21 provide staff and administrative services to the Task Force.

22 (Source: P.A. 96-350, eff. 8-13-09.)

23 (20 ILCS 4090/20)

24 Sec. 20. Duties. Once all members have been appointed, the  
25 Task Force shall meet not less than once each quarter following

1 the effective date of this Act to carry out the duties  
2 prescribed in this Act. An initial report delineating the Task  
3 Force's findings, conclusions, and recommendations shall be  
4 submitted to the Illinois General Assembly no later than May  
5 31, 2019, unless such initial report has already been submitted  
6 to the General Assembly prior to the effective date of this  
7 amendatory Act of the 100th General Assembly ~~9 months after the~~  
8 ~~effective date of this Act.~~ Thereafter, the Task Force shall  
9 make periodic recommendations on its own motion or at the  
10 urging of the Illinois General Assembly.

11 (Source: P.A. 96-350, eff. 8-13-09.)

12 (20 ILCS 4090/25)

13 Sec. 25. Guidance. The Task Force shall be guided in its  
14 discussions on the subject of plain language by the federal  
15 Plain Writing Act of 2010 and subsequent guidance documents,  
16 including, but not limited to, the Federal Plain Language  
17 Guidelines ~~the guidelines for plain language drafting~~  
18 ~~promulgated by the President of the United States on June 1,~~  
19 ~~1998, which accompanied his plain language Executive~~  
20 ~~Memorandum issued on the same day.~~

21 (Source: P.A. 96-350, eff. 8-13-09.)

22 (20 ILCS 4090/30 new)

23 Sec. 30. Plain language State government communications.  
24 Recognizing the importance of plain language in communication

1 with the public:

2 (1) the General Assembly shall draft legislation and  
3 other public facing documents using plain language; and

4 (2) the executive and judicial branches of State  
5 government are advised to make all efforts to draft  
6 executive orders, court documents, and other public facing  
7 documents using plain language.

8 (20 ILCS 4090/35 new)

9 Sec. 35. Construction. No provision of this Act shall be  
10 construed to create any right or benefit, substantive or  
11 procedural, enforceable by any administrative or judicial  
12 action. There shall be no judicial review of compliance or  
13 noncompliance with any provision of this Act."