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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 837

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 837 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Illinois Legislative Youth Advisory Council Act.

6 Section 5. Definition. For purposes of this Act:

7 "Council" means the Illinois Legislative Youth Advisory
8 Council.

9 Section 10. The Illinois Legislative Youth Advisory
10 Council. For the purpose of facilitating communication between
11 the youth of the State of Illinois and the elected branches of
12 State government regarding the issues, interests, and needs
13 important to youth in the State of Illinois, the Illinois
14 Legislative Youth Advisory Council is created. The Council
15 shall have the powers and responsibilities enumerated in this

1 Act, together with such others as may be conferred upon it by
2 law. The Council shall be an entity created under the
3 legislative branch, and maintained and staffed under the
4 executive branch by the Office of the Governor or an agency
5 designated by the Governor that is under the jurisdiction of
6 the Governor.

7 Section 15. Advisory Board; members; nomination; term of
8 office; vacancies.

9 (a) An Advisory Board shall be created to facilitate the
10 functions of the Council. The Advisory Board shall consist of 2
11 members of the House of Representatives, one each appointed by
12 the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Minority
13 Leader of the House of Representatives; and 2 members of the
14 Senate, one each appointed by the President of the Senate and
15 the Minority Leader of the Senate. The initial term for members
16 of the Advisory Council shall begin on January 1, 2020, or the
17 effective date of this Act, whichever occurs later, and expire
18 on January 11, 2022. Thereafter, the term for members of the
19 Advisory Council shall begin on the Thursday following the
20 second Wednesday of January, and expire after 2 years. On or
21 before September 1, 2019, the Advisory Board shall create an
22 application that shall be used in nominating individuals to be
23 members of the Council. The Advisory Board may, from time to
24 time, modify the application with the consent of the Council.
25 While the Council is in session, the Advisory Board may attend

1 meetings of the Council, and may generally advise the Council.
2 Nothing in this Act shall be construed to entitle Advisory
3 Board members to vote on matters pending before the Council.

4 (b) Each member of the House of Representatives shall
5 nominate one qualified individual that resides in the
6 Representative's legislative district to serve as a member of
7 the Council after receiving and reviewing the individual's
8 application and considering any recommendation made by a member
9 of the Senate. The Representative shall make the nomination on
10 or before October 31 of each calendar year. After making the
11 nomination, the Representative shall, by first class mail,
12 notify the nominated individual by November 15 of the same
13 year. If the Representative is a member of the majority party,
14 the Representative shall notify the Speaker of the House of
15 Representatives of his or her nomination by November 15 of the
16 same year. If the Representative is a member of the minority
17 party, the Representative shall notify the Minority Leader of
18 the House of Representatives of his or her nomination by
19 November 15 of the same year.

20 (c) Upon receiving a nomination, the Speaker of the House
21 of Representatives or the Minority Leader of the House of
22 Representatives, whichever the case may be, shall accept the
23 nomination, except for good cause shown, and appoint the
24 individual to be a member of the Council. Upon appointing the
25 nominated individual, the Speaker of the House of
26 Representatives or the Minority Leader of the House of

1 Representatives, whichever the case may be, shall notify the
2 individual of his or her appointment by first class mail. A
3 nomination shall not be rejected except for good cause shown.
4 If a nomination is rejected, the Speaker of the House of
5 Representatives or the Minority Leader of the House of
6 Representatives, whichever the case may be, shall state in
7 writing the reason or reasons that the nomination was rejected,
8 and transmit the written rejection to the nominated individual
9 and the Senator that nominated the individual. In such a case,
10 the Senator shall nominate another qualified individual within
11 5 days.

12 (d) Each Council member's term shall be for one year. A
13 member shall be allowed to serve more than one term, so long as
14 the member continues to meet the requirements for being a
15 member and is appointed for each term.

16 (e) Any vacancies in the Council shall be filled in the
17 same or substantially the same manner as the original
18 appointment within 30 days after the vacancy.

19 Section 20. Members; qualifications. Each member of the
20 Council shall, during his or her term, be:

21 (1) a resident of this State;

22 (2) older than 16 years of age and younger than 22
23 years of age, except that if a member turns 23 years of age
24 during his or her term, such member shall be allowed to
25 complete the term; and

1 (3) be a student enrolled at a high school, community
2 college, or university in this State, except that if a
3 member graduates from high school or college during his or
4 her term, such member shall be allowed to complete the
5 term.

6 Section 25. Quorum; meetings; committees; leadership
7 responsibilities.

8 (a) A majority of those appointed to the Council shall
9 constitute a quorum.

10 (b) The Council shall convene each year on the Saturday
11 following the second Wednesday of January in the State Capitol,
12 unless the General Assembly is in session. An alternative
13 meeting place shall be selected if one or both chambers cannot
14 accommodate the meeting. At the initial meeting, the Council
15 shall:

16 (1) elect a President, Secretary, Treasurer, and
17 Clerk;

18 (2) adopt rules of procedure;

19 (3) form committees to assist in furthering the goals
20 of the Council, and appoint committee chairs and
21 vice-chairs; and

22 (4) announce the date and location of the next meeting
23 of the Council.

24 (c) The Council shall meet as often as is deemed necessary.
25 For all other meetings and committee meetings, the Council may

1 meet by electronic or telephonic means. Members of the Council
2 shall be excused from school to participate in in-person
3 meetings of the Council.

4 (d) The President of the Council shall:

5 (1) convene, direct, and adjourn meetings of the
6 Council;

7 (2) call for a vote on any matter pending before the
8 Council;

9 (3) transmit Council reports to the General Assembly;
10 and

11 (4) be the official liaison between the Council and
12 General Assembly.

13 (e) The Secretary of the Council shall:

14 (1) serve as Acting President in the President's
15 absence;

16 (2) prepare and distribute agendas of Council meetings
17 to Council members; and

18 (3) keep and maintain the minutes of Council meetings.

19 (f) The Treasurer of the Council shall:

20 (1) report on the funds available in the Illinois
21 Legislative Youth Advisory Council Fund; and

22 (2) serve as the official liaison between the Council
23 and the State Treasurer and the State Comptroller.

24 (g) The Clerk of the Council shall:

25 (1) record the final votes on any measure called for a
26 vote by the President; and

1 (2) transmit the final vote on all measures called for
2 a vote by the President to the Secretary for inclusion in
3 the minutes.

4 (h) The President in transition shall be appointed by the
5 President of the Senate within 14 days after the effective date
6 of this Act. The President in transition shall meet the
7 qualifications set forth in Section 20 of this Act, and shall
8 serve until the second Wednesday of the January following the
9 effective date of this Act. The President in transition shall
10 be responsible for initial outreach and marketing of the
11 Council to the youth of Illinois. The President in transition
12 may use the provisions of Section 35 of this Act to facilitate
13 these duties.

14 (i) The Council may create more leadership positions by
15 rule.

16 Section 30. Powers. The Council may:

17 (1) request the drafting of legislative measures from
18 the Legislative Reference Bureau;

19 (2) provide testimony during any committee meeting of
20 the General Assembly;

21 (3) vote on any matter pending before the General
22 Assembly and inform the General Assembly of the Council's
23 position on the matter;

24 (4) draft reports and advisory opinions to the General
25 Assembly;

1 (5) perform any other activity that may reasonably
2 inform the General Assembly of the Council's position on
3 any issue of relevance; and

4 (6) conduct periodic seminars for members of the
5 Council concerning leadership, government, and the General
6 Assembly.

7 Section 35. Outreach.

8 (a) On or before September 1 of each year, the President of
9 the Council shall notify all high schools, colleges, and
10 universities in this State that the time for applying to become
11 a member of the Council is open, and shall expire on October
12 31. The notice shall include the requirements for membership, a
13 copy of the application, and the name, district address, and
14 district phone number of the Senators near the high school,
15 college, or university.

16 (b) Upon receiving notice that the application period is
17 open, the high school, college, or university shall make
18 reasonable attempts to notify interested students of the
19 Council.

20 (c) To raise awareness about the Council, the Council may:

21 (1) conduct a public awareness campaign;

22 (2) maintain a website; and

23 (3) work with established youth groups to increase
24 awareness.

1 Section 40. Staff support. Staff and administrative
2 support for the Council shall be provided by the Office of the
3 Governor or an agency designated by the Governor that is under
4 the jurisdiction of the Governor. Staff members shall be
5 uncompensated and shall assist the Council in administrative
6 duties.

7 Section 45. Report to the General Assembly and Governor.
8 The Council shall submit an annual report electronically to the
9 General Assembly and the Governor detailing its activities and
10 recommending any proposed legislation.

11 Section 50. Illinois Legislative Youth Advisory Council
12 Fund. The Illinois Legislative Youth Advisory Council Fund is
13 created as a special fund in the State treasury. All moneys in
14 the Fund shall be used to reimburse Council members for actual
15 expenses incurred in traveling to Council meetings, including
16 travel, food, and lodging, and printing the annual report in
17 compliance with Section 45 of this Act. The moneys in the
18 Illinois Legislative Youth Advisory Council Fund are subject to
19 appropriation by the General Assembly. The Illinois
20 Legislative Youth Advisory Council Fund may accept donations
21 and gifts.

22 Section 95. The State Finance Act is amended by adding
23 Section 5.891 as follows:

1 (30 ILCS 105/5.891 new)

2 Sec. 5.891. The Illinois Legislative Youth Advisory
3 Council Fund.

4 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
5 becoming law.".