



101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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HB4211

Introduced 1/22/2020, by Rep. Stephanie A. Kifowit

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act
30 ILCS 105/5.930 new

Creates the Illinois Legislative Youth Advisory Council Act. Provides that the purpose of the Council is to facilitate communication between the youth of the State of Illinois and the elected branches of State government regarding the issues, interests, and needs important to youth in the State of Illinois. Creates an Advisory Board, consisting of 2 members of the House of Representatives, one each appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives; and 2 members of the Senate, one each appointed by the President of the Senate and the Minority Leader of the Senate, to facilitate the functions of the Council. Creates the Transition Oversight Committee for the initial outreach of the Council. Provides for the application and nomination process for prospective members of the Council. Sets forth membership and meeting requirements and the powers of the Council. Provides that members of the Council shall serve 2-year terms, but may be re-elected if they continue to be nominated and qualified to serve as members. Provides for the election of a Chair at the first Council meeting of the year. Provides for administrative support of the Council. Requires the Council to submit an annual report to the General Assembly and the Governor. Creates the Illinois Legislative Youth Advisory Council Fund as a special fund in the State treasury. Provides that all moneys in the Fund shall be used to reimburse Council members for actual expenses incurred in traveling to Council meetings, including travel, food, and lodging, and printing the annual report. Amends the State Finance Act. Adds the Illinois Legislative Youth Advisory Council Fund. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning 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 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
16 Act, together with such others as may be conferred upon it by
17 law. The Council shall be an entity created under the
18 legislative branch, and maintained and staffed under the
19 executive branch by the Office of the Governor or an agency
20 designated by the Governor that is under the jurisdiction of
21 the Governor.

1 Section 15. Advisory Board; members; nomination; term of
2 office; vacancies.

3 (a) An Advisory Board shall be created to facilitate the
4 functions of the Council. The Advisory Board shall consist of 2
5 members of the House of Representatives, one each appointed by
6 the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Minority
7 Leader of the House of Representatives; and 2 members of the
8 Senate, one each appointed by the President of the Senate and
9 the Minority Leader of the Senate. The initial term for members
10 of the Advisory Council shall begin on January 1, 2021, or the
11 effective date of this Act, whichever occurs later, and expire
12 on January 10, 2023. Thereafter, the term for members of the
13 Advisory Council shall begin on the Thursday following the
14 second Wednesday of January, and expire after 2 years. On or
15 before September 1, 2020, the Advisory Board shall create an
16 application that shall be used in nominating individuals to be
17 members of the Council. The Advisory Board may, from time to
18 time, modify the application with the consent of the Council.
19 While the Council is in session, the Advisory Board may attend
20 meetings of the Council, and may generally advise the Council.
21 Nothing in this Act shall be construed to entitle Advisory
22 Board members to vote on matters pending before the Council.

23 (b) The Advisory Board shall make nominations for
24 prospective Council members. After making the nomination, the
25 Advisory Board shall notify the nominated individuals. Upon
26 appointing the nominated individuals, the Advisory Board shall

1 notify the individual of his or her appointment. The Advisory
2 Board shall appoint one member from each congressional district
3 of the State of Illinois, as well as 2 additional
4 members-at-large. The 2 at-large members must not reside in the
5 same congressional district.

6 (c) Each Council member's term shall be for 2 years. A
7 member shall be allowed to serve more than one term, so long as
8 the member continues to meet the requirements for being a
9 member and is appointed for each term.

10 (d) Any vacancies in the Council shall be filled in the
11 same or substantially the same manner as the original
12 appointment within 30 days after the vacancy.

13 Section 20. Transition Oversight Committee.

14 (a) The Transition Oversight Committee is hereby created
15 for initial outreach and marketing of the Council to the youth
16 of Illinois as provided under Section 40.

17 (b) The members of the Transition Oversight Committee shall
18 be appointed by the Advisory Board within 30 days after the
19 appointment of the Board. The Committee shall be comprised of 3
20 members, and the Board shall designate one member as Chair of
21 the Committee. Members of the Committee shall meet the same
22 requirements of membership qualifications as members of the
23 Council, and are responsible for overseeing the initial
24 implementation of the Council. Members of the Committee may
25 also be appointed to serve on the Council.

1 (c) The members of the Transition Oversight Committee shall
2 create the bylaws for the functioning of the Council. These
3 initial bylaws shall be subject to approval by the Advisory
4 Board and the Council.

5 (d) The Chair of the Transition Oversight Committee shall
6 preside at the first meeting of the Council with the assistance
7 of the other 2 members, until the Chair of the Council is
8 elected.

9 (e) The Transition Oversight Committee shall cease to exist
10 after the first meeting of the Council.

11 Section 25. Members; qualifications. Each member of the
12 Council shall, during his or her term, be:

13 (1) a resident of this State;

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

18 (3) be a student enrolled at a high school, community
19 college, or university in this State, except that if a
20 member graduates from high school or college during his or
21 her term, such member shall be allowed to complete the
22 term.

23 Section 30. Quorum; meetings; committees; leadership
24 responsibilities.

1 (a) A majority of those appointed to the Council shall
2 constitute a quorum.

3 (b) The Council shall convene each year and shall meet as
4 often as is deemed necessary. For all other meetings and
5 committee meetings, the Council may meet by electronic or
6 telephonic means. Members of the Council shall be excused from
7 school to participate in in-person meetings of the Council. At
8 the initial meeting of the Council, the members shall elect
9 from among their number a Chair, and may create more leadership
10 positions as deemed necessary by the Council.

11 Section 35. Powers. The Council may:

12 (1) request the drafting of legislative measures from
13 the Legislative Reference Bureau;

14 (2) provide testimony during any committee meeting of
15 the General Assembly;

16 (3) vote on any matter pending before the General
17 Assembly and inform the General Assembly of the Council's
18 position on the matter;

19 (4) draft reports and advisory opinions to the General
20 Assembly;

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

24 (6) conduct periodic seminars for members of the
25 Council concerning leadership, government, and the General

1 Assembly.

2 Section 40. Outreach.

3 (a) On or before September 1 of each year, the Chair of the
4 Council shall notify all high schools, colleges, and
5 universities in this State that the time for applying to become
6 a member of the Council is open, and shall expire on October
7 31. The notice shall include the requirements for membership
8 and a copy of the application.

9 (b) Upon receiving notice that the application period is
10 open, the high school, college, or university shall make
11 reasonable attempts to notify interested students of the
12 Council.

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

14 (1) conduct a public awareness campaign;

15 (2) maintain a website and establish a social media
16 presence;

17 (3) work with established youth groups to increase
18 awareness; and

19 (4) employ any other means necessary to raise awareness
20 of the Council's existence and purpose.

21 Section 45. Administrative support. Administrative support
22 for the Council shall be provided by the Office of the
23 Secretary of State. Members of the Council shall not receive
24 compensation for serving as members, but may be reimbursed for

1 expenses incurred for traveling to council meetings, food,
2 lodging, and the printing of the required annual report. The
3 funds for the travel and administrative costs of the Council
4 shall come from appropriations to the Governor's office and the
5 Illinois Legislative Youth Advisory Council Fund established
6 under Section 55, subject to appropriation.

7 Section 50. 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 55. 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 50 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 5.930 as follows:

1 (30 ILCS 105/5.930 new)

2 Sec. 5.930. The Illinois Legislative Youth Advisory
3 Council Fund.

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