



101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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SB2142

Introduced 2/15/2019, by Sen. Ram Villivalam

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act
30 ILCS 105/5.891 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. 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 one-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 President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Clerk at the first Council meeting of the year. 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 and maintained
18 under the legislative branch.

19 Section 15. Advisory Board; members; nomination; term of
20 office; vacancies.

21 (a) An Advisory Board shall be created to facilitate the

1 functions of the Council. The Advisory Board shall consist of 2
2 members of the House of Representatives, one each appointed by
3 the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Minority
4 Leader of the House of Representatives; and 2 members of the
5 Senate, one each appointed by the President of the Senate and
6 the Minority Leader of the Senate. The initial term for members
7 of the Advisory Council shall begin on July 1, 2019, or the
8 effective date of this Act, whichever occurs later, and expire
9 on January 11, 2021. Thereafter, the term for members of the
10 Advisory Council shall begin on the Thursday following the
11 second Wednesday of January, and expire after 2 years. On or
12 before September 1, 2019, the Advisory Board shall create an
13 application that shall be used in nominating individuals to be
14 members of the Council. The Advisory Board may, from time to
15 time, modify the application with the consent of the Council.
16 While the Council is in session, the Advisory Board may attend
17 meetings of the Council, and may generally advise the Council.
18 Nothing in this Act shall be construed to entitle Advisory
19 Board members to vote on matters pending before the Council.

20 (b) Each member of the Senate shall nominate one qualified
21 individual that resides in the Senator's legislative district
22 to serve as a member of the Council after receiving and
23 reviewing the individual's application and considering any
24 recommendation made by a member of the House of
25 Representatives. The Senator shall make the nomination on or
26 before October 31 of each calendar year. After making the

1 nomination, the Senator shall, by first class mail, notify the
2 nominated individual by November 10 of the same year. If the
3 Senator is a member of the majority party, the Senator shall
4 notify the President of the Senate of his or her nomination by
5 November 10 of the same year. If the Senator is a member of the
6 minority party, the Senator shall notify the Minority Leader of
7 the Senate of his or her nomination by November 10 of the same
8 year.

9 (c) Upon receiving a nomination, the President of the
10 Senate or the Minority Leader of the Senate, whichever the case
11 may be, shall accept the nomination, except for good cause
12 shown, and appoint the individual to be a member of the
13 Council. Upon appointing the nominated individual, the
14 President of the Senate or the Minority Leader of the Senate,
15 whichever the case may be, shall notify the individual of his
16 or her appointment by first class mail. A nomination shall not
17 be rejected except for good cause shown. If a nomination is
18 rejected, the President of the Senate or the Minority Leader of
19 the Senate, whichever the case may be, shall state in writing
20 the reason or reasons that the nomination was rejected, and
21 transmit the written rejection to the nominated individual and
22 the Senator that nominated the individual. In such a case, the
23 Senator shall nominate another qualified individual within 5
24 days.

25 (d) Each Council member's term shall be for one year. A
26 member shall be allowed to serve more than one term, so long as

1 the member continues to meet the requirements for being a
2 member and is appointed for each term.

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

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

8 (1) a resident of this State;

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

13 (3) be a student enrolled at a high school, community
14 college, or university in this State, except that if a
15 member graduates from high school or college during his or
16 her term, such member shall be allowed to complete the
17 term.

18 Section 25. Quorum; meetings; committees; leadership
19 responsibilities.

20 (a) A majority of those appointed to the Council shall
21 constitute a quorum.

22 (b) The Council shall convene each year on the Thursday
23 following the second Wednesday of January in the State Capitol.
24 At the initial meeting, the Council shall:

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

3 (2) adopt rules of procedure;

4 (3) form committees to assist in furthering the goals
5 of the Council, and appoint committee chairs and
6 vice-chairs; and

7 (4) announce the date and location of the next meeting
8 of the Council.

9 (c) The Council shall meet as often as is deemed necessary,
10 but shall meet in person at least once within 100 days after
11 the initial meeting. For all other meetings and committee
12 meetings, the Council may meet by electronic or telephonic
13 means. Members of the Council shall be excused from school to
14 participate in in-person meetings of the Council.

15 (d) The President of the Council shall:

16 (1) convene, direct, and adjourn meetings of the
17 Council;

18 (2) call for a vote on any matter pending before the
19 Council;

20 (3) transmit Council reports to the General Assembly;
21 and

22 (4) be the official liaison between the Council and
23 General Assembly.

24 (e) The Secretary of the Council shall:

25 (1) serve as Acting President in the President's
26 absence;

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

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

4 (f) The Treasurer of the Council shall:

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

7 (2) serve as the official liaison between the Council
8 and the State Treasurer and the State Comptroller.

9 (g) The Clerk of the Council shall:

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

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

15 (h) The President in transition shall be appointed by the
16 President of the Senate within 14 days after the effective date
17 of this Act. The President in transition shall meet the
18 qualifications set forth in Section 20 of this Act, and shall
19 serve until the second Wednesday of the January following the
20 effective date of this Act. The President in transition shall
21 be responsible for initial outreach and marketing of the
22 Council to the youth of Illinois. The President in transition
23 may use the provisions of Section 35 of this Act to facilitate
24 these duties.

25 (i) The Council may create more leadership positions by
26 rule.

1 Section 30. Powers. The Council may:

2 (1) request the drafting of legislative measures from
3 the Legislative Reference Bureau;

4 (2) provide testimony during any committee meeting of
5 the General Assembly;

6 (3) vote on any matter pending before the General
7 Assembly and inform the General Assembly of the Council's
8 position on the matter;

9 (4) draft reports and advisory opinions to the General
10 Assembly;

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

14 (6) conduct periodic seminars for members of the
15 Council concerning leadership, government, and the General
16 Assembly.

17 Section 35. Outreach.

18 (a) On or before September 1 of each year, the President of
19 the Council shall notify all high schools, colleges, and
20 universities in this State that the time for applying to become
21 a member of the Council is open, and shall expire on October
22 31. The notice shall include the requirements for membership, a
23 copy of the application, and the name, district address, and
24 district phone number of the Senators near the high school,

1 college, or university.

2 (b) Upon receiving notice that the application period is
3 open, the high school, college, or university shall make
4 reasonable attempts to notify interested students of the
5 Council.

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

7 (1) conduct a public awareness campaign;

8 (2) maintain a website; and

9 (3) work with established youth groups to increase
10 awareness.

11 Section 40. Staff support. The President of the Senate, the
12 Minority Leader of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of
13 Representatives, and the Minority Leader of the House of
14 Representatives shall each designate an individual to serve as
15 a staff member of the Council. Staff members shall be
16 uncompensated and shall assist the Council in administrative
17 duties.

18 Section 45. Report to the General Assembly and Governor.
19 The Council shall submit an annual report to the General
20 Assembly and the Governor detailing its activities and
21 recommending any proposed legislation.

22 Section 50. Illinois Legislative Youth Advisory Council
23 Fund. The Illinois Legislative Youth Advisory Council Fund is

1 created as a special fund in the State treasury. All moneys in
2 the Fund shall be used to reimburse Council members for actual
3 expenses incurred in traveling to Council meetings, including
4 travel, food, and lodging, and printing the annual report in
5 compliance with Section 45 of this Act. The moneys in the
6 Illinois Legislative Youth Advisory Council Fund are subject to
7 appropriation by the General Assembly. The Illinois
8 Legislative Youth Advisory Council Fund may accept donations
9 and gifts.

10 Section 95. The State Finance Act is amended by adding
11 Section 5.891 as follows:

12 (30 ILCS 105/5.891 new)

13 Sec. 5.891. The Illinois Legislative Youth Advisory
14 Council Fund.

15 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
16 becoming law.