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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 855

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 855 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Legislative Accessibility Act.

6 Section 5. General Assembly accessibility.

7 (a) The General Assembly shall make efforts to increase
8 the accessibility of the General Assembly for people with
9 disabilities.

10 (b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the
11 President of the Senate shall each appoint an accessibility
12 coordinator who, in consultation with the Architect of the
13 Capitol, shall be responsible for addressing accessibility
14 needs for his or her corresponding house.

15 (c) The Illinois General Assembly website shall include
16 either an email address, web form, or other similar mechanism

1 to request reasonable accommodations to meet the accessibility
2 needs of people with disabilities attending legislative
3 events, including, but not limited to, all hearings and floor
4 proceedings.

5 Section 10. General Assembly Accessibility Task Force.

6 (a) There is hereby established the General Assembly
7 Accessibility Task Force.

8 (b) The President of the Senate, Speaker of the House of
9 Representatives, Minority Leader of the Senate, and Minority
10 Leader of the House of Representatives shall each appoint 2
11 members to the Task Force. The President of the Senate and the
12 Speaker of the House of Representatives shall jointly appoint
13 the chair of the Task Force. Appointees shall include persons
14 who self-identify as having a disability or advocates for such
15 persons. In addition, the following State officials shall
16 serve on the Task Force as ex officio members: (i) the
17 Secretary of State or his or her designee; (ii) the Secretary
18 of the Senate or his or her designee; (iii) the Clerk of the
19 House of Representatives or his or her designee; (iv) the
20 Assistant Secretary of the Senate or his or her designee; and
21 (v) the Assistant Clerk of the House of Representatives or his
22 or her designee.

23 (c) The Task Force shall convene as soon as practicable
24 after the effective date of this Act, and shall hold at least 2
25 meetings. Members and ex officio members of the Task Force

1 shall serve without compensation. The Architect of the Capitol
2 shall provide administrative and other support to the Task
3 Force.

4 (d) The Task Force shall examine issues concerning
5 accessibility of the General Assembly to persons with a
6 disability. No later than December 31, 2023, the Task Force
7 shall issue recommendations to the General Assembly on what
8 measures can be taken to increase the accessibility of the
9 General Assembly to persons with a disability.

10 (e) This Section is repealed on January 1, 2025.

11 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
12 becoming law."