

1 AN ACT concerning State 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 Commission on Amateur Sports Act.

6 Section 5. Illinois Commission on Amateur Sports; purpose;
7 duties.

8 (a) The Illinois Commission on Amateur Sports is created.

9 (b) The purpose of the Commission is to research, study,
10 and to make recommendations to the Governor, the General
11 Assembly, and the Department of Commerce and Economic
12 Opportunity about the promotion, development, expansion,
13 hosting, and fostering of amateur sports, amateur sports
14 programs, and amateur sporting events and tournaments
15 throughout the State.

16 (c) Recommendations made by the Commission shall focus
17 generally on the promotion and encouragement of physical
18 fitness through the participation in amateur sports and
19 amateur sports programs and on the development of local and
20 statewide business opportunities and economic development
21 relating to amateur sports, amateur sports programs,
22 competitions, events and tournaments. The recommendations
23 reported by the Commission to the Governor, the General

1 Assembly, and the Department of Commerce and Economic
2 Opportunity shall include, but are not limited to, the
3 following objectives:

4 (1) To provide workshops, training, and conferences to
5 schools and communities throughout the State to increase
6 youth participation in amateur sports and amateur sports
7 programs.

8 (2) To connect public, private, local, and State
9 entities to generate funding for amateur sports programs
10 and to facilitate the communication of information
11 statewide about amateur sports programs and events.

12 (3) To support the development of and investment in an
13 Olympic Training Center in the State.

14 (4) To promote the participation of community amateur
15 sports programs in national and international amateur
16 athletic competitions and events.

17 (5) To encourage the inclusion and participation of
18 persons with disabilities in amateur sports and amateur
19 sports programs.

20 (6) To encourage the inclusion and participation of
21 persons from historically disadvantaged communities in
22 amateur sports and amateur sports programs.

23 (7) To support and encourage the development of sports
24 tourism.

25 Section 10. Membership.

1 (a) The Commission shall include the following members:

2 (1) Four members appointed by the Governor who have
3 recognized experience in promoting, organizing, or
4 administering amateur sports programs or other athletic
5 organizations.

6 (2) Two members appointed by the Governor who are
7 Olympians and who participated in youth sports.

8 (3) One member of the Senate appointed by the
9 President of the Senate.

10 (4) One member of the Senate appointed by the Minority
11 Leader of the Senate.

12 (5) One member of the House of Representatives
13 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

14 (6) One member of the House of Representatives
15 appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of
16 Representatives.

17 (7) One member appointed by the Governor who
18 represents an Illinois high school athletic association.

19 (8) One member appointed by the Governor who
20 represents an Illinois collegiate athletic association.

21 (9) One member appointed by the Governor who is a
22 representative of the Illinois Council of Convention and
23 Visitor Bureaus or represents any other similar
24 State-certified entity.

25 (10) Fifteen members appointed by the Governor who
26 shall individually represent one category of the following

1 amateur youth sports, but shall as a group represent all
2 of the following categories of amateur youth sports:

3 (A) Baseball.

4 (B) Basketball.

5 (C) Gymnastics.

6 (D) Cross country running or other track and field
7 sports.

8 (E) Football.

9 (F) Golf.

10 (G) Hockey.

11 (H) Soccer.

12 (I) Softball.

13 (J) Swimming.

14 (K) Volleyball.

15 (L) Cheerleading.

16 (M) Wrestling.

17 (N) Tennis.

18 (O) The Special Olympics.

19 (b) More than 4 members of the General Assembly may be
20 appointed to serve on the Commission as long as the number of
21 members appointed at any time, except during a vacancy,
22 represent equally each of the majority and minority caucuses
23 of each house.

24 (c) The Governor shall select the chairperson of the
25 Council from among the members.

1 Section 15. Terms; meetings; support; expenses.

2 (a) Each member of the Commission shall be appointed for a
3 2-year term, or until his or her successor is appointed. The
4 Governor may stagger the members' terms to ensure continuity
5 in the performance of the Commission's responsibilities.

6 (b) The Commission shall meet initially within 90 days
7 after the effective date of this Act, and at least quarterly
8 thereafter, at the times and places in this State that the
9 Commission designates.

10 (c) The Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
11 shall provide administrative and other support to the
12 Commission.

13 (d) Members of the Commission shall receive no
14 compensation for their participation, but may be reimbursed by
15 the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for
16 expenses in connection with their participation, including
17 travel, subject to the rules of the appropriate travel control
18 board, if funds are available.

19 Section 20. Reporting. The Commission shall submit a
20 report of its findings, research, and recommendations to the
21 Governor, the General Assembly, and the Department of Commerce
22 and Economic Opportunity on or before December 31, 2023 and
23 each December 31 thereafter.

24 Section 25. Repeal. The Commission is dissolved and this

1 Act is repealed on January 1, 2026.

2 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
3 becoming law.