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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 4070

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 4070 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 Indian American Advisory Council Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions. As used in this Act:

7 "Indian" means a person descended from any of the
8 countries of the subcontinent that are not primarily Muslim in
9 character, including India, Bhutan, Nepal, and Sri Lanka.

10 "Council" means the Illinois Indian American Advisory
11 Council created by this Act.

12 Section 10. Illinois Indian American Advisory Council.
13 There is hereby created the Illinois Indian American Advisory
14 Council. The purpose of the Council is to advise the Governor
15 and the General Assembly on policy issues impacting Indian

1 Americans and immigrants; to advance the role and civic
2 participation of Indian Americans in this State; to enhance
3 trade and cooperation between Indian-majority countries and
4 this State; and, in cooperation with State agencies, boards,
5 and commissions, to build relationships with and disseminate
6 information to Indian American and immigrant communities
7 across this State.

8 Section 15. Council members.

9 (a) The Council shall consist of 21 voting members. The
10 Governor shall appoint one voting member, who shall act as the
11 chairperson of the Council and serve as the representative of
12 the Office of the Governor. The Governor, the President of the
13 Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the
14 Minority Leader of the Senate, and the Minority Leader of the
15 House of Representatives shall each appoint 4 members of the
16 public to the Council, who shall also serve as voting members.

17 (b) Appointing authorities shall ensure, to the maximum
18 extent practicable, that the Council is diverse with respect
19 to race, ethnicity, age, gender, and geography.

20 (c) Appointments to the Council shall be persons of
21 recognized ability and experience in one or more of the
22 following areas: higher education, business, international
23 trade, law, social services, human services, immigration,
24 refugee services, community development, or health care.

25 (d) Appointed members of the Council shall serve 2-year

1 terms. A member shall serve until his or her successor shall be
2 appointed. Members of the Council shall not be entitled to
3 compensation for their services as members.

4 (e) The following officials shall serve as ex officio,
5 nonvoting members of the Council: the Deputy Director of the
6 Office of Trade and Investment within the Department of
7 Commerce and Economic Opportunity, or his or her designee, and
8 the Chief of the Bureau of Refugee and Immigrant Services
9 within the Department of Human Services, or his or her
10 designee.

11 The following State agencies shall also each appoint a
12 liaison to serve as ex officio, nonvoting members of the
13 Council: the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity,
14 the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, the
15 Department of Human Services, the Department on Aging, the
16 Department of Children and Family Services, the Department of
17 Healthcare and Family Services, the Department of Public
18 Health, the Department of Central Management Services, the
19 Illinois State Board of Education, the Illinois Board of
20 Higher Education, and the Illinois Community College Board.

21 (f) The Council may establish committees that address
22 certain issues, including, but not limited to, communications,
23 economic development, and legislative affairs.

24 (g) The Office of the Governor shall provide
25 administrative and technical support to the Council, including
26 a staff member to serve as ethics officer.

1 Section 20. Meetings. The Council shall meet at least once
2 per each calendar quarter. In addition, the Council may hold
3 up to 2 public hearings annually to assist in the development
4 of policy recommendations to the Governor and the General
5 Assembly. All meetings of the Council shall be conducted in
6 accordance with the Open Meetings Act. Eleven members of the
7 Council shall constitute a quorum.

8 Section 25. Reports.

9 (a) The Council shall issue semi-annual reports on its
10 policy recommendations to the Governor and the General
11 Assembly by June 30th and December 31st of each year.

12 (b) The reports on policy recommendations shall focus on,
13 but are not limited to, the following: (i) policy issues
14 impacting Indian Americans and immigrants; (ii) advancement of
15 the role and civic participation of Indian Americans in this
16 State; (iii) enhancement of trade and cooperation between
17 Indian-majority countries and this State; and (iv) building
18 relationships with and disseminating information to, in
19 cooperation with State agencies, boards, and commissions,
20 Indian American and immigrant communities across this State."