

1 AN ACT concerning criminal law.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963 is
5 amended by adding Article 106G as follows:

6 (725 ILCS 5/Art. Art. 106G heading new)

7 ARTICLE 106G. COMMISSION ON CHILDREN OF INCARCERATED PARENTS

8 (725 ILCS 5/106G-5 new)

9 Sec. 106G-5. Commission on Children of Incarcerated
10 Parents created.

11 (a) The Commission on Children of Incarcerated Parents,
12 hereinafter referred to as the Commission, is created within
13 the Department of Human Services and shall reflect the
14 diversity of the State of Illinois, including geographic,
15 racial and ethnic diversity and diversity of life experience.
16 The Commission shall be responsible for implementing and
17 coordinating the recommendations of the Task Force on Children
18 of Incarcerated Parents.

19 (b) No later than 90 days after the effective date of this
20 amendatory Act of the 102nd General Assembly, the following
21 representatives from relevant stakeholder groups shall be
22 appointed to the Commission by the Lieutenant Governor unless

1 otherwise stated:

2 (1) one female who has previously been incarcerated
3 and has been directly impacted by policies relating to
4 children of incarcerated parents;

5 (2) two individuals who have been directly impacted by
6 policies relating to children of incarcerated parents, one
7 of whom is between the ages of 17 and 24 at the time of
8 appointment;

9 (3) three representatives from community-based
10 providers or community organizations that provide services
11 to address the trauma of incarceration through social
12 services, advocacy, or the provision of legal services;

13 (4) one individual who has been directly impacted by
14 the Department of Juvenile Justice policies relating to
15 children of incarcerated parents and is between the ages
16 of 17 and 24 at the time of appointment;

17 (5) the Lieutenant Governor, or his or her designee;

18 (6) the Secretary of Human Services, or his or her
19 designee;

20 (7) the Director of Children and Family Services, or
21 his or her designee;

22 (8) the Cook County Public Guardian, or his or her
23 designee;

24 (9) the Director of Juvenile Justice, or his or her
25 designee;

26 (10) the Director of Corrections, or his or her

1 designee;

2 (11) the President of the Illinois Sheriffs'
3 Association, or his or her designee;

4 (12) the Cook County Sheriff, or his or her designee;

5 (13) the Director of the Illinois State Police, or his
6 or her designee;

7 (14) the Chief of the Chicago Police Department, or
8 his or her designee;

9 (15) the Executive Director of the Illinois Law
10 Enforcement Training Standards Board, or his or her
11 designee;

12 (16) the Attorney General, or his or her designee;

13 (17) one member who represents the court system;

14 (18) one member from an organization that facilitates
15 visitation between incarcerated parents and children;

16 (19) one member who is a researcher or member of an
17 academic profession and has studied issues related to the
18 impact of incarceration on youth;

19 (20) one member who represents an organization with
20 expertise in gender-responsive practices and assessing the
21 impact of incarceration on women; and

22 (21) one male who has previously been incarcerated and
23 has been directly impacted by policies relating to
24 children of incarcerated parents.

25 (c) In this Section, "an individual who has been directly
26 impacted by policies relating to children of incarcerated

1 parents" means a person who has been convicted of,
2 adjudicated, or pled guilty to, one or more felonies, who was
3 sentenced to a term of imprisonment, and who has been
4 separated from his or her children as a result of
5 imprisonment.

6 (d) Commission members shall serve without compensation.
7 The term of a member of the Commission, other than a member
8 listed under paragraphs (5) through (16) of subsection (b),
9 shall expire 4 years after the date of the member's
10 appointment.

11 (e) Once all its members have been appointed as provided
12 in this Section, the Commission may exercise any power,
13 perform any function, or take any action in furtherance of its
14 purposes and goals. The Commission shall:

15 (1) meet at least 4 times per year beginning within 30
16 days after the appointment of a quorum of its members;

17 (2) identify resources, strategies, and legislative
18 proposals to support the full administration and
19 implementation of the Task Force on Children of
20 Incarcerated Parents recommendations;

21 (3) develop a strategic plan that outlines specific
22 goals, information-gathering activities, benchmarks, and
23 timelines toward achieving the purpose of the Commission
24 to fully implement the recommendations of the Task Force
25 on Children of Incarcerated Parents; and

26 (4) deliver an annual report to the General Assembly

1 and to the Governor to be posted on the websites of the
2 Governor and General Assembly and provide to the public an
3 annual report on its progress. A draft of the report shall
4 be released for public comment, and feedback and shall be
5 solicited from relevant stakeholders, including
6 individuals impacted by parental incarceration, law
7 enforcement, and advocates from local governmental family
8 services agencies and nonprofit service providers.

9 (f) The General Assembly may appropriate funds to the
10 Department of Human Services for the purpose of funding the
11 work of the Commission or services provided under this
12 Section.