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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 1833

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 1833 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Department of Commerce and Economic
5 Opportunity Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois
6 is amended by adding Section 605-1057 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 605/605-1057 new)

8 Sec. 605-1057. State-designated cultural districts.

9 (a) As used in this Section, "State-designated cultural
10 district" means a geographical area certified under this
11 Section that has a distinct, historic, and cultural identity.
12 Municipalities or 501(c)(3) organizations working on behalf of
13 a certified geographical area should seek to:

14 (1) Promote a distinct historic and cultural
15 community.

16 (2) Encourage economic development and supports

1 entrepreneurship in the geographic area and community.

2 (3) Encourage the preservation and development of
3 historic and culturally significant structures,
4 traditions, and languages.

5 (4) Foster local cultural development and education.

6 (5) Provide a focal point for celebrating and
7 strengthening the unique cultural identity of the
8 community.

9 (6) Promote growth and opportunity without generating
10 displacement or expanding inequality.

11 (b) Administrative authority. The Department of Commerce
12 and Economic Opportunity shall establish criteria and
13 guidelines for State-designated cultural districts by rule in
14 accordance with qualifying criteria outlined in subsection
15 (c). In executing its powers and duties under this Section,
16 the Department shall:

17 (1) establish a competitive application system by
18 which a community may apply for certification as a
19 State-designated cultural district;

20 (2) provide technical assistance for State-designated
21 cultural districts by collaborating with all relevant
22 offices and grantees of the Department to help them
23 identify and achieve their goals for cultural
24 preservation, including, but not limited to, promotional
25 support of State-designated cultural districts and support
26 for small businesses looking to access resources;

1 (3) collaborate with other State agencies, units of
2 local government, community organizations, and private
3 entities to maximize the benefits of State-designated
4 cultural districts; and

5 (4) establish an advisory committee to advise the
6 Department on program rules and the certification process.
7 The advisory committee shall reflect the diversity of the
8 State of Illinois, including geographic, racial, and
9 ethnic diversity. The advisory committee must include:

10 (A) a representative of the Department of Commerce
11 and Economic Opportunity appointed by the Director;

12 (B) a representative of the Department of
13 Agriculture appointed by the Director of Agriculture;

14 (C) a representative of the Illinois Housing
15 Development Authority appointed by the Executive
16 Director of the Illinois Housing Development
17 Authority;

18 (d) two members of the House of Representatives
19 appointed by the Speaker of the House of
20 Representatives;

21 (E) two members of the Senate appointed by the
22 President of the Senate; and

23 (F) four community representatives appointed by
24 the Governor representing diverse racial, ethnic, and
25 geographic groups not captured in the membership of
26 the other designees, with the input of community and

1 stakeholder groups.

2 (c) Certification. A geographical area within the State
3 may be certified as a State-designated cultural district by
4 applying to the Department for certification. Certification as
5 a State-designated cultural district shall be for a period of
6 10 years, after which the district may renew certification
7 every 5 years. A municipality or 501(c)(3) organization may
8 apply for certification on behalf of a geographic area. The
9 applying entity is responsible for complying with reporting
10 requirements under subsection (f). The Department shall
11 develop criteria to assess whether an applicant qualifies for
12 certification under this Section. That criteria must include a
13 demonstration that the applicant and the community:

14 (1) have been historically impacted and are currently
15 at risk of losing their cultural identity because of
16 gentrification, displacement, or the COVID-19 pandemic;

17 (2) can demonstrate a history of economic
18 disinvestment; and

19 (3) can demonstrate strong community support for the
20 cultural district designation through active and formal
21 participation by community organizations and municipal and
22 regional government agencies or officials.

23 (d) Each applicant shall be encouraged by the Department
24 to:

25 (1) have development plans that include and prioritize
26 the preservation of local businesses and retention of

1 existing residents and businesses; and

2 (2) have an education framework in place informed with
3 a vision of food justice, social justice, community
4 sustainability, and social equity.

5 (e) The Department shall award no more than 5
6 State-designated cultural districts every year. At no point
7 shall the total amount of State-designated cultural districts
8 be more than 15, unless otherwise directed by the Director of
9 the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity in
10 consultation with the advisory committee.

11 (f) Within 12 months after being designated a cultural
12 district, the State-designated cultural district shall submit
13 a report to the Department detailing its current programs and
14 goals for the next 4 years of its designation. For each year
15 thereafter that the district remains a State-designated
16 cultural district, it shall submit a report to the Department
17 on the status of the program and future developments of the
18 district. Any State-designated cultural district that fails to
19 file a report for 2 consecutive years shall lose its status.

20 (g) This Section is repealed on July 1, 2031."