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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 605-1055 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 605/605-1055 new)

8 Sec. 605-1055. 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 that does any of the following:

13 (1) Promotes a distinct historic and cultural  
14 community.

15 (2) Encourages economic development and supports  
16 entrepreneurship in the geographic area and community.

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

4           (4) Fosters local cultural development and education.

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

8           (6) Promotes growth and opportunity without generating  
9           displacement or expanding inequality.

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

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

19           (2) provide technical assistance for State-designated  
20           cultural districts in identifying and achieving their  
21           goals for cultural preservation, including, but not  
22           limited to, promotional support of State-designated  
23           cultural districts;

24           (3) collaborate with other State agencies, units of  
25           local government, community organizations, and private  
26           entities to maximize the benefits of State-designated

1 cultural districts; and

2 (4) establish an advisory committee to advise the  
3 Department on program rules and the certification process.

4 The advisory committee must include:

5 (A) a representative of the Department appointed  
6 by the Director;

7 (B) a representative of the Department of  
8 Agriculture appointed by the Director of Agriculture;

9 (C) a representative of the Illinois Housing  
10 Development Authority appointed by the Executive  
11 Director of the Illinois Housing Development  
12 Authority;

13 (D) a representative of Illinois Office of Tourism  
14 appointed by the Director;

15 (E) a Latino Caucus member of the House of  
16 Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House  
17 of Representatives;

18 (F) a Black Caucus member of the House of  
19 Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House  
20 of the Representatives;

21 (G) a Latino Caucus member of the Senate appointed  
22 by the President of the Senate;

23 (H) a Black Caucus member of the Senate appointed  
24 by the Senate President; and

25 (I) two community representatives appointed by the  
26 Governor with input from the applying non-profit

1           agencies or local government.

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 (d). 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;

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           (4) have development plans that include and prioritize  
24 the preservation of local businesses and retention of  
25 existing residents and businesses; and

26           (5) have an education framework in place informed with

1       a vision of food justice, social justice, community  
2       sustainability, and social equity.

3       (d) Within 12 months after being designated a cultural  
4       district, the State-designated cultural district shall submit  
5       a report to the Department detailing its current programs and  
6       goals for the next 4 years of its designation. For each year  
7       thereafter that the district remains a State-designated  
8       cultural district, it shall submit a report to the Department  
9       on the status of the program and future developments of the  
10       district."