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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 1833

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

5 "Section 5. The Department of Commerce and Economic
6 Opportunity Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois
7 is amended by adding Section 605-1055 as follows:

8 (20 ILCS 605/605-1055 new)

9 Sec. 605-1055. State-designated cultural districts.

10 (a) As used in this Section, "State-designated cultural
11 district" means a geographical area certified under this
12 Section that has a distinct, historic, and cultural identity
13 that does any of the following:

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

16 (2) Encourages economic development and supports

1 entrepreneurship in the geographic area and community.

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

5 (4) Fosters local cultural development and education.

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

9 (6) Promotes 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 in identifying and achieving their
22 goals for cultural preservation, including, but not
23 limited to, promotional support of State-designated
24 cultural districts;

25 (3) collaborate with other State agencies, units of
26 local government, community organizations, and private

1 entities to maximize the benefits of State-designated
2 cultural districts; and

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

5 The advisory committee must include:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 (I) four community representatives appointed by

1 the Governor representing diverse racial, ethnic, and
2 geographic groups not captured in the membership of
3 the other designees, with the input of community and
4 stakeholder groups.

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

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

20 (2) can demonstrate a history of economic
21 disinvestment;

22 (3) can demonstrate strong community support for the
23 cultural district designation through active and formal
24 participation by community organizations and municipal and
25 regional government agencies or officials;

26 (4) have development plans that include and prioritize

1 the preservation of local businesses and retention of
2 existing residents and businesses; and

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

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