



103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Entrepreneur-in-Residence Act. Establishes an Entrepreneur-in-Residence Pilot Program. Provides for the nomination, appointment, term of service, and compensation of entrepreneurs-in-residence. Requires the Director or Secretary of specified State agencies to appoint entrepreneurs-in-residence and to issue a report on the program to the General Assembly and the Governor by January 1, 2028. Describes the duties of appointed entrepreneurs-in-residence. Provides that an entrepreneur-in-residence shall report directly to the Governor and may provide recommendations for programmatic improvements to the nominating authorities. Repeals the Act on January 1, 2030. Defines terms. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning State government.

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

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Entrepreneur-in-Residence Act.

6 Section 5. Purpose. The purpose of the program created
7 under this Act is to strengthen coordination between State
8 government and the private sector on issues relevant to
9 entrepreneurs and small business concerns and to make State
10 government programs and operations simpler, easier to access,
11 more efficient, and more responsive to the needs of and issues
12 related to entrepreneurs and small business concerns.

13 Section 10. Definitions. As used in this Act:

14 "Entrepreneur-in-residence" or
15 "entrepreneurs-in-residence" means an individual or
16 individuals appointed to a position created under this Act.

17 "Nominating authority" means the Governor, the Speaker of
18 the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate, the
19 Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, the Minority
20 Leader of the Senate, or the Director of Commerce and Economic
21 Opportunity, the Secretary of Transportation, the Secretary of
22 Human Services, the Director of Public Health, or the

1 Department of Central Management Services.

2 "Program" means the Entrepreneur-in-Residence Pilot
3 Program established under this Act.

4 "State agency" means a State agency under the jurisdiction
5 of the Governor.

6 Section 15. The Entrepreneur-in-Residence Pilot Program.

7 (a) The Governor, the Speaker of the House of
8 Representatives, the President of the Senate, the Minority
9 Leader of the House of Representatives, and the Minority
10 Leader of the Senate shall each nominate 2 individuals to be
11 appointed by the Governor as entrepreneurs-in-residence with
12 State agencies other than the Department of Commerce and
13 Economic Opportunity, the Department of Transportation, the
14 Department of Human Services, the Department of Public Health,
15 and the Department of Central Management Services. The
16 individuals nominated and appointed under this subsection (a)
17 must have demonstrated success in working with small business
18 concerns and entrepreneurs or must have successfully
19 developed, invented, or created a product and brought that
20 product to the marketplace. Entrepreneurs-in-residence
21 appointed under this subsection (a) shall serve for a period
22 of 2 years. A State agency shall cooperate with any
23 entrepreneur-in-residence appointed to serve it as necessary
24 to facilitate this program. A person appointed as an
25 entrepreneur-in-residence under this subsection (a) shall not

1 be appointed to one of the State agencies listed in subsection
2 (b).

3 (b) In addition to the appointments described in
4 subsection (a), the Director or Secretary of the following
5 State agencies shall each nominate and appoint one
6 entrepreneur-in-residence for their respective State agency:

7 (1) the Department of Commerce and Economic
8 Opportunity;

9 (2) the Department of Transportation;

10 (3) the Department of Human Services;

11 (4) the Department of Public Health; and

12 (5) the Department of Central Management Services.

13 Entrepreneurs-in-residence appointed under this
14 subsection (b) shall serve for a period of 5 years, beginning
15 January 1, 2024 and ending January 1, 2029, and must have the
16 same qualifications as appointees under subsection (a).

17 (c) The Director or Secretary of a State agency described
18 in subsection (b) shall, by January 1, 2028, issue a report to
19 the General Assembly and the Governor outlining findings and
20 recommendations, including, but not limited to, the successes
21 of the program, recommendations to improve the program, and
22 any other information that the Director or Secretary may deem
23 necessary and relevant. For purposes of this Section, success
24 of the program shall be measured by the number of
25 interactions, new businesses created, the size of the new
26 businesses, and the growth of new businesses since their

1 inception.

2 (d) Entrepreneurs-in-residence appointed under this Act
3 shall serve without compensation, but may, at the discretion
4 of the Governor, receive reimbursement for reasonable and
5 necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties.

6 (e) An entrepreneur-in-residence appointed under this Act
7 shall perform the following duties:

8 (1) assist the State agency in improving outreach to
9 small business concerns and entrepreneurs;

10 (2) provide recommendations on inefficient or
11 duplicative programs;

12 (3) provide recommendations to the Governor and the
13 nominating authority on methods to improve program
14 efficiency at the State agency;

15 (4) provide recommendations to the Governor and the
16 nominating authority on new initiatives that may be
17 instituted at the State agency;

18 (5) facilitate meetings and forums to educate small
19 business concerns and entrepreneurs on programs or
20 initiatives of the State agency;

21 (6) facilitate in-service sessions with employees of
22 the State agency on needs and issues of interest to
23 entrepreneurs and small business concerns; and

24 (7) provide technical assistance or mentorship to
25 small business concerns and entrepreneurs in accessing
26 programs at the State agency.

1 (f) An entrepreneur-in-residence shall report directly to
2 the Governor but may provide recommendations for programmatic
3 improvements to the nominating authorities.

4 Section 20. Repeal. This Act is repealed on January 1,
5 2030.

6 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
7 becoming law.