

1 AN ACT concerning health.

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 Alternative Protein Innovation Task Force Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions. As used in this Act:

7 "Alternative proteins" means proteins created from
8 plant-based, fermented, cell-cultured inputs and processes to
9 create foods that share sensory characteristics with
10 conventional meat and dairy.

11 "Cultivated meat" means meat that is produced in a
12 bioreactor from animal cells using a cell cultivation process.

13 "Fermented protein" means a protein that is made from
14 traditional fermentation, biomass fermentation, or precision
15 fermentation.

16 "Plant-based protein" means a protein that is produced
17 directly from a plant.

18 Section 10. Alternative Protein Innovation Task Force. The
19 Alternative Protein Innovation Task Force is established for
20 the purposes of investigating and studying alternative
21 proteins to identify and evaluate possible opportunities that
22 the protein innovation and the alternative protein industry

1 offer in the State. The Task Force shall study and draft a
2 report on how the State may best support the growing
3 alternative protein industry in the State. The Task Force
4 shall: (i) examine the potential economic development benefits
5 and job creation potential of the plant-based protein,
6 cultivated meat, and fermented protein industries in the
7 State; (ii) identify the environmental impacts of alternative
8 proteins and their supply chains; (iii) examine if alternative
9 proteins can strengthen the State's food resilience; (iv)
10 assess how alternative proteins may affect individual health,
11 public health, and food security in the State; and (v)
12 identify ways the State may foster the growth of the emerging
13 alternative protein industry, including by reviewing past and
14 present efforts made to support the broader biotech and life
15 science industries.

16 Section 15. Membership; appointments; meeting.

17 (a) The Alternative Protein Innovation Task Force shall
18 consist of the following members:

19 (1) one member of the Senate, who shall be appointed
20 by the President of the Senate and shall serve as co-chair
21 of the Task Force;

22 (2) one member of the Senate, who shall be appointed
23 by the Minority Leader of the Senate;

24 (3) one member of the House of Representatives, who
25 shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of

1 Representatives and shall serve as co-chair of the Task
2 Force;

3 (4) one member of the House of Representatives, who
4 shall be appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of
5 Representatives;

6 (5) the Secretary of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
7 or the Secretary's designee;

8 (6) the Director of Agriculture or the Director's
9 designee;

10 (7) 5 members who are appointed by the Director of
11 Agriculture. Of the members appointed by the Director of
12 Agriculture, 3 members shall be commercial producers of
13 agricultural commodities, of which one member shall be
14 from the largest statewide agricultural association; and 2
15 members shall be representatives from the University of
16 Illinois College of Agricultural, Consumer and
17 Environmental Sciences engaged in nutritional research;
18 and

19 (8) 6 members who are appointed by the Governor. Of
20 the members appointed by the Governor, 2 members shall be
21 engaged in academic or scientific research on alternative
22 protein development at a State college or university; one
23 member shall be a representative of a nonprofit
24 organization dedicated to the development and
25 accessibility of alternative proteins; one member shall be
26 a representative of the State's agricultural biotechnology

1 industry; one member shall be the president of the
2 Illinois Biotechnology Industry Organization or the
3 organization's designee; and one member shall be a
4 representative from a multinational food processing and
5 manufacturing corporation headquartered in this State.

6 (b) Members of the Task Force shall not receive
7 compensation for their services to the Task Force.

8 (c) All appointments shall be made not later than 30 days
9 after the effective date of this Act.

10 (d) The co-chairs of the Task Force shall schedule no
11 fewer than 4 meetings of the Task Force, including not less
12 than one public hearing. The co-chairs shall convene the first
13 meeting of the Task Force within 60 days after the effective
14 date of this Act.

15 Section 20. Report. The Task Force shall submit a report
16 of its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly no
17 later than December 31, 2023.

18 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
19 becoming law.