



## 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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Introduced 2/17/2023, by Rep. Justin Slaughter

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Illinois Moorish-American Family Commission Act. Creates the Illinois Moorish-American Family Commission to advise the Governor and General Assembly, as well as work directly with State agencies, to improve and expand existing policies, services, programs, and opportunities for Moorish-American families, children, and adults and guide the efforts of and collaborate with State agencies, including, but not limited to, the Department on Aging, the Department of Children and Family Services, the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, the Department of Corrections, the Department of Human Services, the Department of Healthcare and Family Services, the Department of Public Health, the Department of Transportation, the Department of Employment Security, and others. Sets forth provisions concerning the members of the Commission, funding, addresses and reports, and oversight. Provides that administrative, technical, and staffing support for the Commission shall be provided by the Commission on Equity and Inclusion. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning 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 Illinois Moorish-American Family Commission Act.

6 Section 5. Creation; purpose. The Illinois  
7 Moorish-American Family Commission is created for the purpose  
8 of doing all of the following:

9 (1) Advise the Governor and General Assembly, as well  
10 as work directly with State agencies, to improve and  
11 expand existing policies, services, programs, and  
12 opportunities for Moorish-American families, children, and  
13 adults.

14 (2) Guide the efforts of and collaborate with State  
15 agencies, including, but not limited to, the Department on  
16 Aging, the Department of Children and Family Services, the  
17 Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, the  
18 Department of Corrections, the Department of Human  
19 Services, the Department of Healthcare and Family  
20 Services, the Department of Public Health, the Department  
21 of Transportation, the Department of Employment Security,  
22 and others.

23 This shall be achieved primarily by:

1 (A) monitoring and commenting on existing and  
2 proposed legislation and programs designed to address  
3 the needs of Moorish-Americans in the State;

4 (B) assisting State agencies in developing  
5 programs, services, public policies, and research  
6 strategies that will expand and enhance the social and  
7 economic well-being of Moorish-American children,  
8 families, and adults;

9 (C) facilitating the participation of and  
10 representation of Moorish-Americans in the  
11 implementation and planning of policies, development,  
12 programs, and services; and

13 (D) promoting research efforts to document the  
14 impact of policies and programs on Moorish-American  
15 families.

16 The work of the Illinois Moorish-American Family  
17 Commission shall include the use of existing reports,  
18 records, research and planning efforts, procedures, and  
19 programs.

20 Section 10. Commission members.

21 (a) The Commission shall include the following members:

22 (1) the Governor or his or her designee;

23 (2) the Lieutenant Governor or his or her designee;

24 (3) the Speaker of the House of Representatives or his  
25 or her designee;

1 (4) one member of the House of Representatives  
2 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

3 (5) the President of the Senate or his or her  
4 designee;

5 (6) one member of the Senate appointed by the  
6 President of the Senate;

7 (7) the Minority Leader of the House of  
8 Representatives or his or her designee;

9 (8) one member of the House of Representatives  
10 appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of  
11 Representatives;

12 (9) the Minority Leader of the Senate or his or her  
13 designee;

14 (10) one member of the Senate appointed by the  
15 Minority Leader of the Senate;

16 (11) the Secretary of State or his or her designee;

17 (12) the Attorney General or his or her designee;

18 (13) the State Comptroller or his or her designee;

19 (14) the State Treasurer or his or her designee;

20 (15) the Cook County Board President or his or her  
21 designee; and

22 (16) the Mayor of the City of Chicago or his or her  
23 designee.

24 The Department on Aging, the Department of Children and  
25 Family Services, the Department of Commerce and Economic  
26 Opportunity, the Department of Corrections, the Department of

1 Human Services, the Department of Healthcare and Family  
2 Services, the Department of Public Health, the State Board of  
3 Education, the Board of Higher Education, the Illinois  
4 Community College Board, the Department of Human Rights, the  
5 Capital Development Board, the Department of Labor, the  
6 Department of Transportation, and the elected or appointed  
7 officers of each county, such as sheriff, county clerk,  
8 treasurer, and such other officers as provided by law or by  
9 county ordinance under subsection (c) of Section 4 of Article  
10 7 of the Illinois Constitution, wherein a Moorish-American  
11 resides or may have reason to travel to or through shall each  
12 appoint a liaison to serve ex officio on the Commission.

13 (b) The Commission shall include the following  
14 Moorish-Americans appointed by the Governor:

15 (1) the Grand Governor or Grand Governess of Illinois  
16 for the Moorish Science Temple of America or his or her  
17 designee;

18 (2) the Grand Sheik or Grand Sheikess of every  
19 lawfully chartered, subordinate temple of the Moorish  
20 Science Temple of America within the State or his or her  
21 designee; and

22 (3) 2 members of each lawfully chartered, subordinate  
23 temple of the Moorish Science Temple of America within the  
24 State, selected by the Grand Sheik or Governor of that  
25 subordinate temple of the Moorish Science Temple of  
26 America.

1           (c) Each member under subsection (a) shall have a working  
2 knowledge of human services, community development, and  
3 economic public policies in the State and must complete  
4 training on Moorish-American culture and Moorish-American  
5 diversity, equity, and inclusion not later than the opening of  
6 the first meeting of the Commission.

7           Section 15. Appointment; term; chairperson.

8           (a) Appointment of all members to the Commission shall be  
9 made within 60 days after the effective date of this Act, with  
10 the first meeting of the Commission to be held within 30 days  
11 thereafter.

12           (b) State agency members shall serve from election to  
13 election, except in the case of initial appointments.

14           (c) Moorish-American members shall serve on the Commission  
15 from annual convention to annual convention.

16           (d) The Chairperson of the Commission shall be elected  
17 from among the members of the Moorish Science Temple of  
18 America by the members of the Commission who are members of the  
19 Moorish Science Temple of America during the first meeting.

20           Section 20. Funding.

21           (a) The Commission shall operate subject to appropriation.

22           (b) The Commission may receive funding through  
23 appropriations available for its purposes made to each  
24 department, unit, or branch of government, as the case may be,

1 responsible for appointing a liaison to serve ex officio on  
2 the Commission.

3 (c) The Commission may receive and expend funding from  
4 federal and private sources, including gifts, donations, and  
5 private grants.

6 (d) The Commission may receive and expend funds for the  
7 establishment, preservation, and progress of institutions for  
8 the benefit of Moorish-American families and Moorish-American  
9 cultural heritage.

10 (e) The first year's appropriation for the Commission  
11 shall take into account the anticipated creation and  
12 establishment of not less than one free-standing Commission  
13 office in each state representative district.

14 (f) Succeeding annual Commission budgets shall respond  
15 equitably to the recommendations of the Commission in response  
16 to the previous year's findings and reports of the Commission,  
17 Commissioners, and Commission offices and Commission officers.

18 (g) The Moorish-American members of the Commission shall  
19 be compensated for their service at a per annum rate  
20 equivalent to the per diem rate for State legislators, plus  
21 travel expenses. Members who are State or legislative officers  
22 or appointed by State or legislative officers shall serve  
23 without additional compensation but shall be reimbursed for  
24 Commission-related expenses.

25 Section 25. Annual addresses and reports.

1           (a) The Chairperson of the Commission or his or her  
2           designee shall issue an annual address on the state of  
3           Moorish-Americans to the Governor, the General Assembly, and  
4           the Illinois Supreme Court.

5           (b) The Commission shall issue an annual report to the  
6           Moorish Science Temple of America, the Governor, the General  
7           Assembly, and the Commission on Equity and Inclusion on the  
8           Commission's progress toward its goals and objectives. This  
9           report is to be made available to the public.

10           Section 30. Oversight. Notwithstanding any other law to  
11           the contrary, the Commission on Equity and Inclusion shall  
12           have oversight of the operations of the Commission and its  
13           offices.

14           Section 35. Administrative, technical, and staffing  
15           support. Administrative, technical, and staffing support for  
16           the Commission shall be provided by the Commission on Equity  
17           and Inclusion.

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