

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 5. The Children and Family Services Act is amended  
5 by changing Section 5.27 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 505/5.27)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2026)

8 Sec. 5.27. Holistic Mental Health Care for Youth in Care  
9 Task Force.

10 (a) The Holistic Mental Health Care for Youth in Care Task  
11 Force is created. The Task Force shall review and make  
12 recommendations regarding mental health and wellness services  
13 provided to youth in care, including a program of holistic  
14 mental health services provided 30 days after the date upon  
15 which a youth is placed in foster care, in order to determine  
16 how to best meet the mental health needs of youth in care.  
17 Additionally, the Task Force shall:

18 (1) assess the capacity of State licensed mental  
19 health professionals to provide preventive mental health  
20 care to youth in care;

21 (2) review the current payment rates for mental health  
22 providers serving the youth in care population;

23 (3) evaluate the process for smaller private practices

1 and agencies to bill through managed care, evaluate  
2 delayed payments to mental health providers, and recommend  
3 improvements to make billing practices more efficient;

4 (4) evaluate the recruitment and retention of mental  
5 health providers who are persons of color to serve the  
6 youth in care population; and

7 (5) any other relevant subject and processes as deemed  
8 necessary by the Task Force.

9 (b) The Task Force shall have 9 members, comprised as  
10 follows:

11 (1) The Director of Healthcare and Family Services or  
12 the Director's designee.

13 (2) The Director of Children and Family Services or  
14 the Director's designee.

15 (3) A member appointed by the Governor from the Office  
16 of the Governor who has a focus on mental health issues.

17 (4) Two members from the House of Representatives,  
18 appointed one each by the Speaker of the House of  
19 Representatives and the Minority Leader of the House of  
20 Representatives.

21 (5) Two members of the Senate, appointed one each by  
22 the President of the Senate and the Minority Leader of the  
23 Senate.

24 (6) One member who is a former youth in care,  
25 appointed by the Governor.

26 (7) One representative from the managed care entity

1 managing the YouthCare program, appointed by the Director  
2 of Healthcare and Family Services.

3 Task Force members shall serve without compensation but  
4 may be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the  
5 performance of their duties.

6 (c) The Task Force shall meet at least once each month  
7 beginning no later than July 1, 2022 and at other times as  
8 determined by the Task Force. The Task Force may hold  
9 electronic meetings and a member of the Task Force shall be  
10 deemed present for the purposes of establishing a quorum and  
11 voting.

12 (d) The Department of Healthcare and Family Services, in  
13 conjunction with the Department of Children and Family  
14 Services, shall provide administrative and other support to  
15 the Task Force.

16 (e) The Task Force shall prepare and submit to the  
17 Governor and the General Assembly at the end of each quarter a  
18 report that summarizes its work ~~and makes recommendations~~  
19 ~~resulting from its study~~. The Task Force shall submit its  
20 final report to the Governor and the General Assembly no later  
21 than December 31, 2025 ~~2024~~. Upon submission of its final  
22 report, the Task Force is dissolved.

23 (f) This Section is repealed on January 1, 2026.

24 (Source: P.A. 102-898, eff. 5-25-22; 103-154, eff. 6-30-23.)

25 Section 10. The Department of Commerce and Economic

1 Opportunity Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois  
2 is amended by adding Section 605-1115 as follows:

3 (20 ILCS 605/605-1115 new)

4 Sec. 605-1115. Creative Economy Task Force.

5 (a) Subject to appropriation, the Creative Economy Task  
6 Force is created within the Department of Commerce and  
7 Economic Opportunity to create a strategic plan to develop the  
8 creative economy in this State.

9 (b) The Task Force shall consist of the following members:

10 (1) the Director of Commerce and Economic Opportunity  
11 or the Director's designee, who shall serve as chair of  
12 the Task Force;

13 (2) the Executive Director of the Illinois Arts  
14 Council or the Executive Director's designee, who shall  
15 serve as the vice-chair of the Task Force;

16 (3) one member appointed by the Speaker of the House  
17 of Representatives;

18 (4) one member appointed by the Minority Leader of the  
19 House of Representatives;

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

22 (6) one member appointed by the Minority Leader of the  
23 Senate;

24 (7) one member from the banking industry with  
25 experience in matters involving the federal Small Business

1 Administration, appointed by the Governor;

2 (8) one member from a certified public accounting firm  
3 or other company with experience in financial modeling and  
4 the creative arts, appointed by the Governor;

5 (9) one member recommended by a statewide organization  
6 representing counties, appointed by the Governor;

7 (10) one member from an Illinois public institution of  
8 higher education or nonprofit research institution with  
9 experience in matters involving cultural arts, appointed  
10 by the Governor;

11 (11) the Director of Labor or the Director's designee;  
12 and

13 (12) five members from this State's arts community,  
14 appointed by the Governor, including, but not limited to,  
15 the following sectors:

16 (A) film, television, and video production;

17 (B) recorded audio and music production;

18 (C) animation production;

19 (D) video game development;

20 (E) live theater, orchestra, ballet, and opera;

21 (F) live music performance;

22 (G) visual arts, including sculpture, painting,  
23 graphic design, and photography;

24 (H) production facilities, such as film and  
25 television studios;

26 (I) live music or performing arts venues; and

1                   (J) arts service organizations.

2                   (c) No later than July 1, 2026, the Task Force shall  
3 collect and analyze data on the current state of the creative  
4 economy in this State and develop a strategic plan to improve  
5 this State's creative economy that can be rolled out in  
6 incremental phases to reach identified economic, social  
7 justice, and business development goals. The goal of the  
8 strategic plan shall be to ensure that this State is  
9 competitive with respect to attracting creative economy  
10 business, retaining talent within this State, and developing  
11 marketable content that can be exported for national and  
12 international consumption and monetization. The strategic plan  
13 shall address support for the creative community within  
14 historically marginalized communities, as well as the creative  
15 economy at large, and take into account the diverse interests,  
16 strengths, and needs of the people of this State. In  
17 developing the strategic plan for the creative economy in this  
18 State, the Task Force shall:

19                   (1) identify existing studies of aspects affecting the  
20 creative economy, including studies relating to tax  
21 issues, legislation, finance, population and demographics,  
22 and employment;

23                   (2) conduct a comparative analysis with other  
24 jurisdictions that have successfully developed creative  
25 economy plans and programs;

26                   (3) conduct in-depth interviews to identify best

1 practices for structuring a strategic plan for this State;

2 (4) evaluate existing banking models for financing  
3 creative economy projects in the private sector and  
4 develop a financial model to promote investment in this  
5 State's creative economy;

6 (5) evaluate existing federal, State, and local tax  
7 incentives and make recommendations for improvements to  
8 support the creative economy;

9 (6) identify the role that counties and cities play  
10 with respect to the strategic plan and the specific  
11 counties and cities that may need or want a stronger  
12 creative economy;

13 (7) identify opportunities for aligning with new  
14 business models and the integration of new technologies;

15 (8) identify the role that State education programs in  
16 the creative arts play in the creative economy and with  
17 respect to advancing the strategic plan;

18 (9) identify geographic areas with the least amount of  
19 access or opportunity for a creative economy;

20 (10) identify opportunities for earn-and-learn job  
21 training employment for students who have enrolled or  
22 completed a program in the arts, low-income or unemployed  
23 creative workers, and others with demonstrated interest in  
24 creative work in their communities; and

25 (11) identify existing initiatives and projects that  
26 can be used as models for earn-and-learn opportunities or

1 as examples of best practices for earn-and-learn  
2 opportunities that can be replicated Statewide or in  
3 different regions.

4 (d) The Task Force shall submit its findings and  
5 recommendations to the General Assembly no later than July 1,  
6 2026.

7 (e) Members of the Task Force shall serve without  
8 compensation but may be reimbursed for necessary expenses  
9 incurred in the performance of their duties. The Department of  
10 Commerce and Economic Opportunity shall provide administrative  
11 support to the Task Force.

12 (f) Appropriations for the Task Force may be used to  
13 support operational expenses of the Department, including  
14 entering into a contract with a third-party provider for  
15 administrative support.

16 (g) The Director or the Director's designee may, after  
17 issuing a request for proposals, designate a third-party  
18 provider to help facilitate Task Force meetings, compile  
19 information, and prepare the strategic plan described in  
20 subsection (c). A third-party provider contracted by the  
21 Director shall have experience conducting business in  
22 professional arts or experience in business development and  
23 drafting business plans and multidisciplinary planning  
24 documents.

25 (h) This Section is repealed January 1, 2027.



1           Section 15. The Task Force on Missing and Murdered Chicago  
2 Women Act is amended by changing Section 10 as follows:

3           (20 ILCS 4119/10)

4           Sec. 10. Task Force on Missing and Murdered Chicago Women.

5           (a) The Executive Director of the Illinois Criminal  
6 Justice Information Authority or the Executive Director's  
7 designee, in consultation with the Director of the Illinois  
8 State Police and the Chicago Police Superintendent, shall  
9 appoint the non-legislative members to the Task Force on  
10 Missing and Murdered Chicago Women to advise the Director and  
11 the Chicago Police Superintendent and to report to the General  
12 Assembly on recommendations to reduce and end violence against  
13 Chicago women and girls. The Task Force may also serve as a  
14 liaison between the Director, the Chicago Police  
15 Superintendent, and agencies and nongovernmental organizations  
16 that provide services to victims, victims' families, and  
17 victims' communities. Task Force members shall serve without  
18 compensation but may, subject to appropriation, receive  
19 reimbursement for their expenses as members of the Task Force.

20           (b) There is created the Task Force on Missing and  
21 Murdered Chicago Women, which shall consist of the following  
22 individuals, or their designees, who are knowledgeable in  
23 crime victims' rights or violence protection and, unless  
24 otherwise specified, members shall be appointed for 2-year  
25 terms as follows:

1           (1) Two members of the Senate, one appointed by the  
2           President of the Senate and one appointed by the Minority  
3           Leader of the Senate;

4           (2) Two members of the House of Representatives, one  
5           appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives  
6           and one appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of  
7           Representatives;

8           (3) Two members from among the following appointed by  
9           the Executive Director of the Illinois Criminal Justice  
10          Information Authority or the Executive Director's  
11          designee:

12                   (A) an association representing Illinois chiefs of  
13          police;

14                   (B) an association representing Illinois sheriffs;

15                   (C) an officer who is employed by the Illinois  
16          State Police; or

17                   (D) an Illinois peace officer's association;

18          (4) One or more representatives from among the  
19          following:

20                   (A) an association representing State's Attorneys;

21                   (B) an attorney representing the United States  
22          Attorney's Office in Chicago; ~~or~~

23                   (C) a circuit judge, associate judge, or attorney  
24          working in juvenile court; or

25                   (D) the Cook County Medical Examiner, or his or  
26          her designee, or a representative from a statewide

1 coroner's or medical examiner's association or a  
2 representative of the Department of Public Health;

3 (5) Two representatives for victims, with a focus on  
4 individuals who work with victims of violence or their  
5 families appointed by the Executive Director of the  
6 Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority or the  
7 Executive Director's designee; ~~and~~

8 (6) Four or more members from among the following  
9 appointed by the Executive Director of the Illinois  
10 Criminal Justice Information Authority or the Executive  
11 Director's designee:

12 (A) a statewide or local organization that  
13 provides legal services to Chicago women and girls;

14 (B) a statewide or local organization that  
15 provides advocacy or counseling for Chicago women and  
16 girls who have been victims of violence;

17 (C) a statewide or local organization that  
18 provides healthcare services to Chicago women and  
19 girls;

20 (D) a statewide organization that represents women  
21 and girls who have been sexually assaulted;

22 (E) a women's health organization or agency; or

23 (F) a Chicago woman who is a survivor of  
24 gender-related violence; ~~and~~

25 (7) Two officers who are employed by the Chicago  
26 Police Department nominated by the Chicago Police

1       Superintendent or the Chicago Police Superintendent's  
2       designee and appointed by the Executive Director of the  
3       Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority or the  
4       Executive Director's designee.

5       (c) Vacancies in positions appointed by the Executive  
6       Director of the Illinois Criminal Justice Information  
7       Authority or the Executive Director's designee shall be filled  
8       by the Executive Director of the Illinois Criminal Justice  
9       Information Authority or the Executive Director's designee  
10      consistent with the qualifications of the vacating member  
11      required by this Section.

12      (d) Task Force members shall annually elect a chair and  
13      vice-chair from among the Task Force's members, and may elect  
14      other officers as necessary. The Task Force shall meet at  
15      least quarterly, or upon the call of its chair, and may hold  
16      meetings throughout the City of Chicago. The Task Force shall  
17      meet frequently enough to accomplish the tasks identified in  
18      this Section. Meetings of the Task Force are subject to the  
19      Open Meetings Act. The Task Force shall seek out and enlist the  
20      cooperation and assistance of nongovernmental organizations,  
21      community, and advocacy organizations working with the Chicago  
22      community, and academic researchers and experts, specifically  
23      those specializing in violence against Chicago women and  
24      girls, representing diverse communities disproportionately  
25      affected by violence against women and girls, or focusing on  
26      issues related to gender-related violence and violence against

1 Chicago women and girls.

2 (e) The Executive Director of the Illinois Criminal  
3 Justice Information Authority or the Executive Director's  
4 designee shall convene the first meeting of the Task Force no  
5 later than 30 days after the appointment of a majority of the  
6 members of the Task Force. The Illinois Criminal Justice  
7 Information Authority shall provide meeting space and  
8 administrative assistance as necessary for the Task Force to  
9 conduct its work. The chair of the Task Force may call  
10 electronic meetings of the Task Force. A member of the Task  
11 Force participating electronically shall be deemed present for  
12 purposes of establishing a quorum and voting.

13 (f) The Task Force must examine and report on the  
14 following:

15 (1) the systemic causes behind violence that Chicago  
16 women and girls experience, including patterns and  
17 underlying factors that explain why disproportionately  
18 high levels of violence occur against Chicago women and  
19 girls, including underlying historical, social, economic,  
20 institutional, and cultural factors that may contribute to  
21 the violence;

22 (2) appropriate methods for tracking and collecting  
23 data on violence against Chicago women and girls,  
24 including data on missing and murdered Chicago women and  
25 girls;

26 (3) policies and institutions such as policing, child

1 welfare, medical examiner practices, and other  
2 governmental practices that impact violence against  
3 Chicago women and girls and the investigation and  
4 prosecution of crimes of gender-related violence against  
5 Chicago residents;

6 (4) measures necessary to address and reduce violence  
7 against Chicago women and girls; and

8 (5) measures to help victims, victims' families, and  
9 victims' communities prevent and heal from violence that  
10 occurs against Chicago women and girls.

11 (g) The Task Force shall report on or before December 31 of  
12 2024, and on or before December 31 of each year thereafter, to  
13 the General Assembly and the Governor on the work of the Task  
14 Force, including, but not limited to, the issues to be  
15 examined in subsection (g), and shall include in the annual  
16 report recommendations regarding institutional policies and  
17 practices or proposed institutional policies and practices  
18 that are effective in reducing gender-related violence and  
19 increasing the safety of Chicago women and girls. The report  
20 shall include recommendations to reduce and end violence  
21 against Chicago women and girls and help victims and  
22 communities heal from gender-related violence and violence  
23 against Chicago women and girls.

24 (Source: P.A. 102-1057, eff. 1-1-23; 103-154, eff. 6-30-23.)

25 Section 20. The Community Land Trust Task Force Act is

1 amended by changing Sections 20, 30, and 35 as follows:

2 (20 ILCS 4126/20)

3 (Section scheduled to be repealed on December 31, 2024)

4 Sec. 20. Meetings. The Task Force shall hold its initial  
5 meetings within 60 days after the effective date of this Act.  
6 The Task Force shall meet at least 6 times before July 1, 2025  
7 ~~December 31, 2024~~. Additional meetings may be called at the  
8 direction of the co-chairs.

9 (Source: P.A. 103-250, eff. 6-30-23.)

10 (20 ILCS 4126/30)

11 (Section scheduled to be repealed on December 31, 2024)

12 Sec. 30. Report. The Task Force shall submit its final  
13 report to the Governor and General Assembly no later than  
14 December 31, 2025 ~~2024~~. The final report shall be made  
15 available on the Illinois Housing Development Authority's  
16 website for viewing by the general public.

17 (Source: P.A. 103-250, eff. 6-30-23.)

18 (20 ILCS 4126/35)

19 (Section scheduled to be repealed on December 31, 2024)

20 Sec. 35. Dissolution; repeal. The Task Force is dissolved  
21 and this Act is repealed on December 31, 2025 ~~2024~~.

22 (Source: P.A. 103-250, eff. 6-30-23.)

1 Section 25. The Illinois Flag Commission Act is amended by  
2 changing Section 5 as follows:

3 (20 ILCS 4127/5)

4 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2026)

5 Sec. 5. Illinois Flag Commission.

6 (a) The Illinois Flag Commission is hereby established.

7 (b) The purposes of the Commission are to develop new  
8 State flag designs and to make recommendations to the General  
9 Assembly concerning whether the current State flag ought to be  
10 replaced with a redesigned State flag.

11 (c) The Commission shall consist of the following members:

12 (1) the Secretary of State or the Secretary of State's  
13 designee, who shall serve as Chair of the Commission;

14 (2) 3 members appointed by the Governor;

15 (3) 4 members appointed by the President of the  
16 Senate, not more than one of whom may be a current member  
17 of the General Assembly;

18 (4) 4 members appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
19 Representatives, not more than one of whom may be a  
20 current member of the General Assembly;

21 (5) 4 members appointed by the Minority Leader of the  
22 Senate, not more than one of whom may be a current member  
23 of the General Assembly;

24 (6) 4 members appointed by the Minority Leader of the  
25 House of Representatives, not more than one of whom may be



1 a current member of the General Assembly;

2 (7) the State Superintendent of Education or the  
3 Superintendent's designee; and

4 (8) the Chairperson of the Board of the Illinois State  
5 Museum or the Chairperson's designee.

6 (d) In furtherance of its purposes under this Act, the  
7 Commission shall:

8 (1) establish and adopt goals and guiding principles  
9 for the redesign of the State flag;

10 (2) establish a process for the submission of proposed  
11 designs for a new or revised State flag and guidelines for  
12 the assessment of those proposed designs;

13 (3) create a publicly accessible website that  
14 provides:

15 (A) historical information about the State flag;

16 (B) a timeline and explanation of the process to  
17 be used to redesign the State flag;

18 (C) an online suggestion box through which  
19 residents can offer design ideas for the State flag;  
20 and

21 (D) a survey function through which residents can  
22 vote on potential State flag designs;

23 (4) engage in a public awareness campaign with the  
24 design community and advocacy groups, as well as Illinois  
25 schools, universities, and public libraries, concerning  
26 the Commission's efforts to redesign the State flag;

1           (5) select, on or before January 1, 2025 ~~September 1,~~  
2           ~~2024~~, a group of no more than 10 proposed flag designs  
3           that:

4                   (A) represent the State; and

5                   (B) adhere to the guiding principles established  
6           by the Commission under subparagraph (1);

7           (6) develop a review and selection process for  
8           proposed flag designs that incorporates the input of  
9           children and young people in the State;

10           (7) on or before April 1, 2025 ~~December 3, 2024~~,  
11           submit to the General Assembly a written report that  
12           describes:

13                   (A) the proposed flag designs submitted to the  
14           Commission;

15                   (B) the process used by the Commission to review  
16           the proposed flag designs submitted to it;

17                   (C) the group of no more than 10 proposed flag  
18           designs selected by the Commission;

19                   (D) the Commission's recommendation for a revised  
20           or new State flag; and

21                   (E) the Commission's recommendations to the  
22           General Assembly concerning whether the current State  
23           flag ought to be retained or replaced with a revised or  
24           new State flag.

25           (e) The appointing authorities shall make appointments to  
26           the Commission as soon as practicable after the effective date

1 of this Act, and the Chair of the Commission shall convene the  
2 first meeting of the Commission by no later than June 30, 2024  
3 ~~September 1, 2023~~. Subsequent meetings of the Commission shall  
4 convene at the call of the Chair of the Commission. A majority  
5 of all the appointed members of the Commission shall  
6 constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and all  
7 recommendations of the Commission shall require approval of a  
8 majority of the members of the Commission. Meetings of the  
9 Commission are subject to the Open Meetings Act.

10 (f) Members of the Commission shall serve without  
11 compensation but may be provided, from moneys appropriated to  
12 the Secretary of State for implementation of this Section, a  
13 per diem established by the Secretary of State to cover  
14 reasonable meal, travel, and lodging expenses incurred by  
15 Commission members as a result of their duties under this  
16 Section.

17 (g) The Office of the Secretary of State shall provide  
18 administrative support to the Commission.

19 (Source: P.A. 103-513, eff. 8-7-23.)

20 Section 30. The Alternative Protein Innovation Task Force  
21 Act is amended by changing Section 20 as follows:

22 (20 ILCS 4128/20)

23 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2025)

24 Sec. 20. Report; dissolution of Task Force; repeal of Act.

1 (a) The Task Force shall submit a report of its findings  
2 and recommendations to the General Assembly no later than June  
3 30, 2025 ~~2024~~.

4 (b) The Task Force shall be dissolved on December 31, 2025  
5 ~~2024~~.

6 (c) This Act is repealed on January 1, 2026 ~~2025~~.

7 (Source: P.A. 103-543, eff. 8-11-23; 103-564, eff. 11-17-23.)

8 Section 35. The Legislative Commission Reorganization Act  
9 of 1984 is amended by changing Section 4-7 as follows:

10 (25 ILCS 130/4-7) (from Ch. 63, par. 1004-7)

11 Sec. 4-7. The Commission on Government Forecasting and  
12 Accountability shall report to the Governor and to the  
13 Legislature ~~within 15 days after the convening of each General~~  
14 ~~Assembly, and at such other time~~ as it deems appropriate. The  
15 members of all committees which it establishes shall serve  
16 without compensation for such service, but they shall be paid  
17 their necessary expenses in carrying out their obligations  
18 under this Act. The Commission may by contributions to the  
19 Council of State Governments, participate with other states in  
20 maintaining the said Council's district and central  
21 secretariats, and its other governmental services.

22 The requirement for reporting to the General Assembly  
23 shall be satisfied by filing copies of the report with the  
24 Speaker, the Minority Leader and the Clerk of the House of

1 Representatives and the President, the Minority Leader and the  
2 Secretary of the Senate, and filing such additional copies  
3 with the State Government Report Distribution Center for the  
4 General Assembly as is required under paragraph (t) of Section  
5 7 of the State Library Act.

6 (Source: P.A. 100-1148, eff. 12-10-18.)

7 Section 40. The School Code is amended by changing Section  
8 21B-30 as follows:

9 (105 ILCS 5/21B-30)

10 Sec. 21B-30. Educator testing.

11 (a) (Blank).

12 (b) The State Board of Education, in consultation with the  
13 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, shall design  
14 and implement a system of examinations, which shall be  
15 required prior to the issuance of educator licenses. These  
16 examinations and indicators must be based on national and  
17 State professional teaching standards, as determined by the  
18 State Board of Education, in consultation with the State  
19 Educator Preparation and Licensure Board. The State Board of  
20 Education may adopt such rules as may be necessary to  
21 implement and administer this Section.

22 (c) (Blank).

23 (c-5) The State Board must adopt rules to implement a  
24 paraprofessional competency test. This test would allow an

1 applicant seeking an Educator License with Stipulations with a  
2 paraprofessional educator endorsement to obtain the  
3 endorsement if he or she passes the test and meets the other  
4 requirements of subparagraph (J) of paragraph (2) of Section  
5 21B-20 other than the higher education requirements.

6 (d) All applicants seeking a State license shall be  
7 required to pass a test of content area knowledge for each area  
8 of endorsement for which there is an applicable test. There  
9 shall be no exception to this requirement. No candidate shall  
10 be allowed to student teach or serve as the teacher of record  
11 until he or she has passed the applicable content area test.

12 (d-5) The State Board shall consult with any applicable  
13 vendors within 90 days after July 28, 2023 (the effective date  
14 of Public Act 103-402) ~~this amendatory Act of the 103rd~~  
15 ~~General Assembly~~ to develop a plan to transition the test of  
16 content area knowledge in the endorsement area of elementary  
17 education, grades one through 6, by July 1, 2026 to a content  
18 area test that contains testing elements that cover  
19 bilingualism, biliteracy, oral language development,  
20 foundational literacy skills, and developmentally appropriate  
21 higher-order comprehension and on which a valid and reliable  
22 language and literacy subscore can be determined. The State  
23 Board shall base its rules concerning the passing subscore on  
24 the language and literacy portion of the test on the  
25 recommended cut-score determined in the formal  
26 standard-setting process. Candidates need not achieve a

1 particular subscore in the area of language and literacy. The  
2 State Board shall aggregate and publish the number of  
3 candidates in each preparation program who take the test and  
4 the number who pass the language and literacy portion.

5 (e) (Blank).

6 (f) Beginning on August 4, 2023 (the effective date of  
7 Public Act 103-488) ~~this amendatory Act of the 103rd General~~  
8 ~~Assembly~~ through August 31, 2025, no candidate completing a  
9 teacher preparation program in this State or candidate subject  
10 to Section 21B-35 of this Code is required to pass a teacher  
11 performance assessment. Except as otherwise provided in this  
12 Article, beginning on September 1, 2015 until August 4, 2023  
13 (the effective date of Public Act 103-488) ~~this amendatory Act~~  
14 ~~of the 103rd General Assembly~~ and beginning again on September  
15 1, 2025, all candidates completing teacher preparation  
16 programs in this State and all candidates subject to Section  
17 21B-35 of this Code are required to pass a teacher performance  
18 assessment approved by the State Board of Education, in  
19 consultation with the State Educator Preparation and Licensure  
20 Board. A candidate may not be required to submit test  
21 materials by video submission. Subject to appropriation, an  
22 individual who holds a Professional Educator License and is  
23 employed for a minimum of one school year by a school district  
24 designated as Tier 1 under Section 18-8.15 may, after  
25 application to the State Board, receive from the State Board a  
26 refund for any costs associated with completing the teacher

1 performance assessment under this subsection.

2 (f-5) The Teacher Performance Assessment Task Force is  
3 created to evaluate potential performance-based and objective  
4 teacher performance assessment systems for implementation  
5 across all educator preparation programs in this State, with  
6 the intention of ensuring consistency across programs and  
7 supporting a thoughtful and well-rounded licensure system.  
8 Members appointed to the Task Force must reflect the racial,  
9 ethnic, and geographic diversity of this State. The Task Force  
10 shall consist of all of the following members:

11 (1) One member of the Senate, appointed by the  
12 President of the Senate.

13 (2) One member of the Senate, appointed by the  
14 Minority Leader of the Senate.

15 (3) One member of the House of Representatives,  
16 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

17 (4) One member of the House of Representatives,  
18 appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of  
19 Representatives.

20 (5) One member who represents a statewide professional  
21 teachers' organization, appointed by the State  
22 Superintendent of Education.

23 (6) One member who represents a different statewide  
24 professional teachers' organization, appointed by the  
25 State Superintendent of Education.

26 (7) One member from a statewide organization



1 representing school principals, appointed by the State  
2 Superintendent of Education.

3 (8) One member from a statewide organization  
4 representing regional superintendents of schools,  
5 appointed by the State Superintendent of Education.

6 (9) One member from a statewide organization  
7 representing school administrators, appointed by the State  
8 Superintendent of Education.

9 (10) One member representing a school district  
10 organized under Article 34 of this Code, appointed by the  
11 State Superintendent of Education.

12 (11) One member of an association representing rural  
13 and small schools, appointed by the State Superintendent  
14 of Education.

15 (12) One member representing a suburban school  
16 district, appointed by the State Superintendent of  
17 Education.

18 (13) One member from a statewide organization  
19 representing school districts in the southern suburbs of  
20 the City of Chicago, appointed by the State Superintendent  
21 of Education.

22 (14) One member from a statewide organization  
23 representing large unit school districts, appointed by the  
24 State Superintendent of Education.

25 (15) One member from a statewide organization  
26 representing school districts in the collar counties of

1 the City of Chicago, appointed by the State Superintendent  
2 of Education.

3 (16) Three members, each representing a different  
4 public university in this State and each a current member  
5 of the faculty of an approved educator preparation  
6 program, appointed by the State Superintendent of  
7 Education.

8 (17) Three members, each representing a different  
9 4-year nonpublic university or college in this State and  
10 each a current member of the faculty of an approved  
11 educator preparation program, appointed by the State  
12 Superintendent of Education.

13 (18) One member of the Board of Higher Education,  
14 appointed by the State Superintendent of Education.

15 (19) One member representing a statewide policy  
16 organization advocating on behalf of multilingual students  
17 and families, appointed by the State Superintendent of  
18 Education.

19 (20) One member representing a statewide organization  
20 focused on research-based education policy to support a  
21 school system that prepares all students for college, a  
22 career, and democratic citizenship, appointed by the State  
23 Superintendent of Education.

24 (21) Two members representing an early childhood  
25 advocacy organization, appointed by the State  
26 Superintendent of Education.

1           (22) One member representing a statewide organization  
2           that partners with educator preparation programs and  
3           school districts to support the growth and development of  
4           preservice teachers, appointed by the State Superintendent  
5           of Education.

6           (23) One member representing a statewide organization  
7           that advocates for educational equity and racial justice  
8           in schools, appointed by the State Superintendent of  
9           Education.

10          (24) One member representing a statewide organization  
11          that represents school boards, appointed by the State  
12          Superintendent of Education.

13          (25) One member who has, within the last 5 years,  
14          served as a cooperating teacher, appointed by the State  
15          Superintendent of Education.

16          Members of the Task Force shall serve without  
17          compensation. The Task Force shall first meet at the call of  
18          the State Superintendent of Education, and each subsequent  
19          meeting shall be called by the chairperson of the Task Force,  
20          who shall be designated by the State Superintendent of  
21          Education. The State Board of Education shall provide  
22          administrative and other support to the Task Force.

23          On or before October 31, 2024 ~~August 1, 2024~~, the Task  
24          Force shall report on its work, including recommendations on a  
25          teacher performance assessment system in this State, to the  
26          State Board of Education and the General Assembly. The Task

1 Force is dissolved upon submission of this report.

2 (g) The content area knowledge test and the teacher  
3 performance assessment shall be the tests that from time to  
4 time are designated by the State Board of Education, in  
5 consultation with the State Educator Preparation and Licensure  
6 Board, and may be tests prepared by an educational testing  
7 organization or tests designed by the State Board of  
8 Education, in consultation with the State Educator Preparation  
9 and Licensure Board. The test of content area knowledge shall  
10 assess content knowledge in a specific subject field. The  
11 tests must be designed to be racially neutral to ensure that no  
12 person taking the tests is discriminated against on the basis  
13 of race, color, national origin, or other factors unrelated to  
14 the person's ability to perform as a licensed employee. The  
15 score required to pass the tests shall be fixed by the State  
16 Board of Education, in consultation with the State Educator  
17 Preparation and Licensure Board. The tests shall be  
18 administered not fewer than 3 times a year at such time and  
19 place as may be designated by the State Board of Education, in  
20 consultation with the State Educator Preparation and Licensure  
21 Board.

22 The State Board shall implement a test or tests to assess  
23 the speaking, reading, writing, and grammar skills of  
24 applicants for an endorsement or a license issued under  
25 subdivision (G) of paragraph (2) of Section 21B-20 of this  
26 Code in the English language and in the language of the

1 transitional bilingual education program requested by the  
2 applicant.

3 (h) Except as provided in Section 34-6 of this Code, the  
4 provisions of this Section shall apply equally in any school  
5 district subject to Article 34 of this Code.

6 (i) The rules developed to implement and enforce the  
7 testing requirements under this Section shall include, without  
8 limitation, provisions governing test selection, test  
9 validation, and determination of a passing score,  
10 administration of the tests, frequency of administration,  
11 applicant fees, frequency of applicants taking the tests, the  
12 years for which a score is valid, and appropriate special  
13 accommodations. The State Board of Education shall develop  
14 such rules as may be needed to ensure uniformity from year to  
15 year in the level of difficulty for each form of an assessment.  
16 (Source: P.A. 102-301, eff. 8-26-21; 103-402, eff. 7-28-23;  
17 103-488, eff. 8-4-23; revised 9-1-23.)

18 Section 45. The Rental Housing Support Program Act is  
19 amended by changing Section 30 as follows:

20 (310 ILCS 105/30)

21 (Section scheduled to be repealed on September 30, 2024)

22 Sec. 30. Illinois Rental Housing Support Program Funding  
23 Allocation Task Force.

24 (a) The Illinois Rental Housing Support Program Funding

1 Allocation Task Force is hereby created. The Task Force shall  
2 consist of the following members:

3 (1) One member appointed by the President of the  
4 Senate.

5 (2) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the  
6 Senate.

7 (3) One member appointed by the Speaker of the House  
8 of Representatives.

9 (4) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the  
10 House of Representatives.

11 (5) One member appointed by the Illinois Housing  
12 Development Authority.

13 (6) One member representing the Chicago Low-Income  
14 Housing Trust Fund, appointed by the Board of Directors of  
15 the Trust Fund.

16 (7) One member representing a local administering  
17 agency from Cook County (excluding Chicago), DuPage  
18 County, Lake County, Kane County, Will County, or McHenry  
19 County, appointed by the Governor.

20 (8) One member, appointed by the Governor,  
21 representing a local administering agency from a small  
22 metropolitan area from one of the following areas:  
23 Springfield, Rockford, Peoria, Decatur, Champaign, Urbana,  
24 Bloomington, Normal, Rock Island, DeKalb, Madison County,  
25 Moline, Pekin, Rantoul, or St. Clair County.

26 (9) One member representing a local administering

1 agency from a rural area, appointed by the Governor; as  
2 used in this paragraph, "rural area" means an area of the  
3 State that is not specifically named in paragraph (7) or  
4 (8).

5 (10) Three members from an organization representing  
6 Illinois county clerks and recorders, appointed by the  
7 Governor, as follows:

8 (A) one member from Cook County (excluding  
9 Chicago), DuPage County, Lake County, Kane County,  
10 Will County, or McHenry County;

11 (B) one member from a small metropolitan area from  
12 one of the following areas: the cities of Springfield,  
13 Rockford, Peoria, Decatur, Champaign, Urbana,  
14 Bloomington, Normal, Rock Island, DeKalb, Moline,  
15 Pekin, or Rantoul or Madison County or St. Clair  
16 County; and

17 (C) one member from a rural area, appointed by the  
18 Governor; as used in this subparagraph, "rural area"  
19 means an area of the State that is not specifically  
20 named in subparagraph (A) or (B).

21 (11) Up to two members representing a Section  
22 501(c)(3) affordable housing advocacy organization,  
23 appointed by the Governor.

24 (12) One additional member appointed by the Governor.

25 Members of the Task Force must be appointed no later than  
26 30 days after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the

1 102nd General Assembly. If any members are not appointed  
2 within the 30-day period, the entity or person responsible for  
3 making the appointment shall be deemed to have forfeited the  
4 right to make such appointment.

5 (b) Once appointed, the members shall elect a chairperson  
6 and vice chairperson by a simple majority vote.

7 If a vacancy occurs on the Task Force, it shall be filled  
8 according to the initial appointment.

9 At the discretion of the chair, additional individuals may  
10 participate as nonvoting members in the meetings of the Task  
11 Force.

12 Members of the Task Force shall serve without  
13 compensation. The Illinois Housing Development Authority shall  
14 provide staff and administrative services to the Task Force.

15 (c) Once all members have been appointed, the Task Force  
16 shall meet not less than 3 times to carry out the duties  
17 prescribed in this Section. Members of the Task Force may  
18 attend such meetings virtually.

19 (d) A report delineating the Task Force's findings,  
20 conclusions, and recommendations shall be submitted to the  
21 General Assembly no later than September 30, 2024 ~~2023~~.

22 (e) The members of the Task Force are exempt from  
23 requirements of the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act,  
24 the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act, or any other applicable  
25 law or regulation that would require Task Force members to  
26 complete trainings, disclosures, or other filings since the



1 Task Force is of limited duration and is charged only with  
2 delivering a non-binding report.

3 (f) The Task Force shall study and make recommendations  
4 regarding the equitable distribution of rental housing support  
5 funds across the State. The Task Force shall also work with the  
6 Illinois Housing Development Authority as funding allocations  
7 will be required to be adjusted due to data released by the  
8 United States Census Bureau on the 2020 decennial census.

9 (g) This Section is repealed on September 30, 2025 ~~2024~~.

10 (Source: P.A. 102-1135, eff. 7-1-23.)

11 Section 50. The State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor's  
12 Act is amended by changing Section 3 as follows:

13 (725 ILCS 210/3) (from Ch. 14, par. 203)

14 Sec. 3. There is created the Office of the State's  
15 Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor as a judicial agency of State  
16 government.

17 (a) The Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate  
18 Prosecutor shall be governed by a board of governors which  
19 shall consist of 10 members as follows:

20 (1) Eight State's Attorneys, 2 to be elected from each  
21 District containing less than 3,000,000 inhabitants;

22 (2) The State's Attorney of Cook County or his or her  
23 designee; and

24 (3) One State's Attorney to be bi-annually appointed

1 by the other 9 members.

2 (b) Voting for elected members shall be by District with  
3 each of the State's Attorneys voting from their respective  
4 district. Each board member must be duly elected or appointed  
5 and serving as State's Attorney in the district from which he  
6 was elected or appointed.

7 (c) Elected members shall serve for a term of 2 years  
8 commencing upon their election and until their successors are  
9 duly elected or appointed and qualified.

10 (d) A bi-annual election of members of the board shall be  
11 held within 30 days prior or subsequent to the beginning of  
12 each odd numbered calendar year, and the board shall certify  
13 the results to the Secretary of State.

14 (e) The board shall promulgate rules of procedure for the  
15 election of its members and the conduct of its meetings and  
16 shall elect a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman and such other  
17 officers as it deems appropriate. The board shall meet at  
18 least once every 6 ~~3~~ months, and in addition thereto as  
19 directed by the Chairman, or upon the special call of any 5  
20 members of the board, in writing, sent to the Chairman,  
21 designating the time and place of the meeting.

22 (f) Five members of the board shall constitute a quorum  
23 for the purpose of transacting business.

24 (g) Members of the board shall serve without compensation,  
25 but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the  
26 performance of their duties.

1           (h) A position shall be vacated by either a member's  
2 resignation, removal or inability to serve as State's  
3 Attorney.

4           (i) Vacancies on the board of elected members shall be  
5 filled within 90 days of the occurrence of the vacancy by a  
6 special election held by the State's Attorneys in the district  
7 where the vacancy occurred. Vacancies on the board of the  
8 appointed member shall be filled within 90 days of the  
9 occurrence of the vacancy by a special election by the  
10 members. In the case of a special election, the tabulation and  
11 certification of the results may be conducted at any regularly  
12 scheduled quarterly or special meeting called for that  
13 purpose. A member elected or appointed to fill such position  
14 shall serve for the unexpired term of the member whom he is  
15 succeeding. Any member may be re-elected or re-appointed for  
16 additional terms.

17           (Source: P.A. 102-16, eff. 6-17-21; 102-687, eff. 12-17-21.)

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