

# HB5058



## 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 405/405-540

Amends the Department of Central Management Services Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Provides that a duly appointed member attending a meeting of the Commission may be counted as attending for the purpose of quorum if the member is accessing the meeting virtually via two-way, live communication.

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A BILL FOR

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 Department of Central Management Services  
5 Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is amended by  
6 changing Section 405-540 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 405/405-540)

8 Sec. 405-540. African Descent-Citizens Reparations  
9 Commission.

10 (a) The African Descent-Citizens Reparations Commission is  
11 hereby established within the Department of Central Management  
12 Services.

13 (b) The Commission shall include the following members:

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

15 (2) one member of the House of Representatives  
16 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

17 (3) one member of the Senate appointed by the  
18 President of the Senate;

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

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

1           (6) three representatives of a national coalition that  
2           supports reparations for African Americans appointed by  
3           the Governor; and

4           (7) ten members of the public appointed by the  
5           Governor, at least 8 of whom are African American  
6           descendants of slavery.

7           (c) Appointment of members to the Commission shall be made  
8           within 60 days after the effective date of this amendatory Act  
9           of the 101st General Assembly, with the first meeting of the  
10          Commission to be held at a reasonable period of time  
11          thereafter. The Chairperson of the Commission shall be elected  
12          from among the members during the first meeting. Members of  
13          the Commission shall serve without compensation, but may be  
14          reimbursed for travel expenses. The 10 members of the public  
15          appointed by the Governor shall be from diverse backgrounds,  
16          including businesspersons and persons without high school  
17          diplomas.

18          (c-5) A duly appointed member attending a meeting of the  
19          Commission may be counted as attending for the purpose of  
20          quorum if the member is accessing the meeting virtually via  
21          two-way, live communication.

22          (d) Administrative support and staffing for the Commission  
23          shall be provided by the Department of Central Management  
24          Services. Any State agency under the jurisdiction of the  
25          Governor shall provide testimony and documents as directed by  
26          the Department.

1 (e) The Commission shall perform the following duties:

2 (1) develop and implement measures to ensure equity,  
3 equality, and parity for African American descendants of  
4 slavery;

5 (2) hold hearings to discuss the implementation of  
6 measures to ensure equity, equality, and parity for  
7 African American descendants of slavery;

8 (3) educate the public on reparations for African  
9 American descendants of slavery;

10 (4) report to the General Assembly information and  
11 findings regarding the work of the Commission under this  
12 Section and the feasibility of reparations for Illinois  
13 African American descendants of slavery, including any  
14 recommendations on the subject; and

15 (5) discuss and perform actions regarding the  
16 following issues:

17 (i) Preservation of African American neighborhoods  
18 and communities through investment in business  
19 development, home ownership, and affordable housing at  
20 the median income of each neighborhood, with a full  
21 range of housing services and strengthening of  
22 institutions, which shall include, without limitation,  
23 schools, parks, and community centers.

24 (ii) Building and development of a Vocational  
25 Training Center for People of African  
26 Descent-Citizens, with satellite centers throughout

1 the State, to address the racial disparity in the  
2 building trades and the de-skilling of African  
3 American labor through the historic discrimination in  
4 the building trade unions. The Center shall also have  
5 departments for legitimate activities in the informal  
6 economy and apprenticeship.

7 (iii) Ensuring proportional economic  
8 representation in all State contracts, including  
9 reviews and recommendations for changes to the State  
10 procurement and contracting requirements and  
11 procedures with the express goal of increasing the  
12 number of African American vendors and contracts for  
13 services to an equitable level reflecting their  
14 population in the State.

15 (iv) Creation and enforcement of an Illinois  
16 Slavery Era Disclosure Bill mandating that in addition  
17 to disclosure, an affidavit must be submitted entitled  
18 "Statement of Financial Reparations" that has been  
19 negotiated between the Commission established under  
20 this Section and a corporation or institution that  
21 disclosed ties to the enslavement or injury of people  
22 of African descent in the United States of America.

23 (f) Beginning January 1, 2022, and for each year  
24 thereafter, the Commission shall submit a report regarding its  
25 actions and any information as required under this Section to  
26 the Governor and the General Assembly. The report of the

1 Commission shall also be made available to the public on the  
2 Internet website of the Department of Central Management  
3 Services.

4 (Source: P.A. 101-657, Article 15, Section 15-5, eff. 3-23-21;  
5 102-29, eff. 6-25-21.)