



103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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SB2405

Introduced 2/10/2023, by Sen. Karina Villa

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Illinois Legislative Youth Advisory Council Act. Provides that the purpose of the Council is to facilitate communication between the youth of the State of Illinois and the elected branches of State government regarding the issues, interests, and needs important to youth in the State of Illinois. Creates an Advisory Board, consisting of 2 members of the House of Representatives, one each appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives; and 2 members of the Senate, one each appointed by the President of the Senate and the Minority Leader of the Senate, to facilitate the functions of the Council. Creates the Transition Oversight Committee for the initial outreach of the Council. Provides for the application and nomination process for prospective members of the Council. Sets forth membership and meeting requirements and the powers of the Council. Provides that members of the Council shall serve 2-year terms, but may be re-elected if they continue to be nominated and qualified to serve as members. Provides for the election of a Chair at the first Council meeting of the year. Provides for administrative support of the Council. Requires the Council to submit an annual report to the General Assembly and the Governor. Creates the Illinois Legislative Youth Advisory Council Fund as a special fund in the State treasury. Provides that all moneys in the Fund shall be used to reimburse Council members for actual expenses incurred in traveling to Council meetings, including travel, food, and lodging, and printing the annual report. Amends the State Finance Act. Adds the Illinois Legislative Youth Advisory Council Fund. Effective immediately.

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A BILL FOR

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 Legislative Youth Advisory Act.

6 Section 5. Definition. As used in this Act, "Council"
7 means the Illinois Legislative Youth Advisory Council.

8 Section 10. The Illinois Legislative Youth Advisory
9 Council. For the purpose of facilitating communication between
10 the youth of the State of Illinois and the elected branches of
11 State Government regarding the issues, interests, and needs
12 important to youth in the State of Illinois, the Illinois
13 Legislative Youth Advisory Council is hereby created. The
14 Council shall have the powers and responsibilities enumerated
15 in this Act together with such others as may be conferred upon
16 it by law. The Council shall be maintained and staffed by the
17 Office of the Governor.

18 Section 15. Advisory Board; members; nomination; term of
19 office; vacancies.

20 (a) An Advisory Board shall be created to facilitate the
21 functions of the Council. The Advisory Board shall consist of

1 2 members of the House of Representatives, one each appointed
2 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the
3 Minority Leader of the House of Representatives; and 2 members
4 of the Senate, one each appointed by the President of the
5 Senate and the Minority Leader of the Senate. The initial term
6 for members of the Advisory Council shall begin on January 1,
7 2024, or the effective date of this Act, whichever occurs
8 later, and expire on January 9, 2026. Thereafter, the term for
9 members of the Advisory Council shall begin on the Thursday
10 following the second Wednesday of January, and expire after 2
11 years. On or before September 1, 2023, the Advisory Board
12 shall create an application that shall be used in nominating
13 individuals to be members of the Council. The Advisory Board
14 may, from time to time, modify the application with the
15 consent of the Council. While the Council is in session, the
16 Advisory Board may attend meetings of the bill Council, and
17 may generally advise the Council. Nothing in this Act shall be
18 construed to entitle Advisory Board members to vote on matters
19 pending before the Council.

20 (b) The Advisory Board shall make nominations for
21 prospective Council members. Nominations for prospective
22 Council members shall reflect the racial and gender diversity
23 of this State and shall represent a diverse grouping of age
24 distribution. Advisory Board shall notify the nominated
25 individuals. Upon appointing the nominated individuals, the
26 Advisory Board shall notify individual of his or her

1 appointment. The Advisory Board shall appoint one member from
2 each congressional district of the State of Illinois, as well
3 as 2 additional members-at-large. The 2 at-large members must
4 not reside in the same congressional district.

5 (c) Each Council member's term shall be for 2 years. A
6 member shall be allowed to serve more than one term, so long as
7 the member continues to meet the requirements for being a
8 member and is appointed for each term.

9 (d) Any vacancies on the Council shall be filled in the
10 same or substantially the same manner as the original
11 appointment within 30 days after the vacancy.

12 Section 20. Transition Oversight Committee.

13 (a) The Transition Oversight Committee is hereby created
14 for initials outreach and marketing of the Council to the
15 youth of the Illinois as provided under Section 40.

16 (b) The members of the Transition Oversight Committee
17 shall be appointed by the Advisory Board within 30 days after
18 the appointment of the Board. The Committee shall be comprised
19 of 3 members, and the Board shall designate one member as Chair
20 of the Committee. Members of the Committee shall meet the same
21 requirements of membership qualification as members of the
22 Council, and are responsible for overseeing the initial
23 implementation of the Council. Members of the Committee may
24 also be appointed to serve on the Council.

25 (c) The members of the Transition Oversight Committee

1 shall create the bylaws for the functioning of the Council.
2 The initial bylaws shall be subject to approval by the
3 Advisory Board and the Council.

4 (d) The Chair of the Transition Oversight Committee shall
5 preside at the first meeting of the Council with the
6 assistance of the other 2 members, until the Chair of the
7 Council is elected.

8 (e) The Transition Oversight Committee shall cease to
9 exist after the first meeting of the Council.

10 Section 25. Members; qualifications. Each member of the
11 Council shall, during his or her term, be:

12 (1) a resident of this State;

13 (2) at least 16 years of age and younger than 21 years of
14 age, except than if the members turn 21 years of age during his
15 or her term, such member shall be allowed to complete the term;
16 or

17 (3) a student enrolled at a high school or a graduate from
18 a high school with a diploma or a GED.

19 Section 30. Quorum; meetings; committees; leadership
20 responsibilities.

21 (a) A majority of those appointed to the Council shall
22 constitute a quorum.

23 (b) The Council shall convene each year and shall meet as
24 often as is deemed necessary. For all other meetings and

1 committee meetings, the Council may meet by electronic or
2 telephonic means. Members of the Council shall be excused from
3 school to participate in in-person meetings of the Council. At
4 the initial meeting of the Council, the members shall elect
5 from among their number a Chair and may create more leadership
6 positions as deemed necessary by the Council.

7 Section 35. Powers. The Council may:

8 (1) request the drafting of the legislative measures from
9 the Legislative Reference Bureau;

10 (2) provide testimony during any committee meeting of the
11 General Assembly;

12 (3) take a poll on any matter pending before the General
13 Assembly and inform the General Assembly of the Council's
14 position on the matter;

15 (4) draft reports and advisory opinions for the General
16 Assembly;

17 (5) perform any other activity that may reasonably inform
18 the General Assembly of the Council's position on any issue of
19 relevance;

20 (6) conduct periodic seminars for members of the Council
21 concerning leadership, government, and the General Assembly;

22 (7) collaborate with other established youth advisory
23 commissions or councils or any other commission or council
24 within the State of Illinois as necessary; and

25 (8) attend trainings, educational seminars, and other

1 relevant educational events as approved by the Council.

2 Section 40. Outreach

3 (a) On or before September 1 of each year, the Chair of the
4 Council, or a committee formed by the Chair, shall notify all
5 high schools, colleges, and universities in this State, and
6 make a reasonable effort to also notify community based-based
7 youth organizations, civic institutions, and units of
8 government, that the time for applying to become a member of
9 the Council is open and shall expire on October 31st. The
10 notice shall include requirements for membership and a copy of
11 the application.

12 (b) Upon receiving notice that the application period its
13 open, any entity provided notice under subsection (a) shall
14 make a reasonable attempt to notify interested students of the
15 Council.

16 (c) To raise awareness about the Council, the Council may:

17 (1) conduct a public awareness campaigns;

18 (2) maintain a website and establish a social media
19 presence;

20 (3) work with established youth groups to increase
21 awareness; and

22 (4) employ any other means necessary to raise
23 awareness of the Council's existence and purpose.

24 Section 45. Administrative Support. Administrative support

1 for the Council shall be provided by the State agency under the
2 jurisdiction of the Governor or as otherwise designated by the
3 Governor. Members of the Council shall not receive
4 compensation for serving as members, but they may be
5 reimbursed for expenses incurred for traveling to Council
6 meetings, food, lodging, the printing of the required annual
7 report, Council approved trainings, educational seminars, and
8 other relevant educational events from appropriations to the
9 Governor's Office from the Illinois Legislative Youth Advisory
10 Council Fund.

11 Section 50. Report to the General Assembly and Governor.
12 The Council shall submit an annual report electronically to
13 the General Assembly and Governor detailing its activities and
14 recommending any proposed legislation.

15 Section 55. Illinois Legislative Youth Advisory Council
16 Fund. The Illinois Legislative Youth Advisory Council Fund is
17 hereby created as a special fund in the State Treasury. All
18 moneys in the fund shall be used to reimburse Council members
19 for actual expenses incurred in traveling to Council meetings,
20 including travel, food, lodging, and other travel-related
21 expenses; for expenses incurred to print the annual report,
22 participate in Council-approved trainings, participate in or
23 offer educational seminars, or to conduct any other relevant
24 educational events; and for any other reimbursements approved

1 by the Council in compliance with Section 50 of this Act.
2 Moneys in the Illinois Legislative Youth Advisory Council Fund
3 are subject to appropriation by the General Assembly. The
4 Illinois Legislative Youth Advisory Council Fund may accept
5 private donations and gifts from any lawful source.

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