

# SB2743



## 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Water Plan Task Force Act. Establishes the State Water Plan Task Force. Provides that the Task Force shall be chaired by the Director of the Office of Water Resources of the Department of Natural Resources and composed of the directors, or their designee, from various other State entities. Requires the Task Force to identify critical water issues, to develop and implement recommendations that address the critical water issues, and to reevaluate critical water issues and needs. Requires the Task Force to publish a State Water Plan not less than every 10 years. Provides that the Task Force shall develop and maintain a publicly available website or portal that summarizes projects of the Task Force. Requires the Task Force to meet not less than once per quarter each calendar year. Enumerates the authority granted to the Task Force.

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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 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Water  
5 Plan Task Force Act.

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

7 "Plan" means the State Water Plan.

8 "Task Force" means the State Water Plan Task Force.

9 Section 10. State Water Plan Task Force.

10 (a) There shall be established within State government and  
11 universities an interagency task force which shall be known as  
12 the State Water Plan Task Force. The Task Force shall be  
13 chaired by the Director of the Office of Water Resources of the  
14 Department of Natural Resources and composed of the directors,  
15 or their designee, from the following State entities:

16 (1) The Office of Resource Conservation of the  
17 Department of Natural Resources.

18 (2) The Department of Public Health.

19 (3) The Environmental Protection Agency.

20 (4) The Department of Transportation.

21 (5) The Department of Agriculture.

22 (6) The Department of Transportation.

1           (7) The Illinois Emergency Management Agency and  
2 Office of Homeland Security.

3           (8) The Pollution Control Board

4           (9) The Department of Commerce and Economic  
5 Opportunity.

6           (10) The State Water Survey of the University of  
7 Illinois.

8           (11) The Water Resource Center of the University of  
9 Illinois.

10          (12) The Office of the Governor.

11          (b) The Task Force shall coordinate with State agencies  
12 and universities to develop a concise plan for addressing  
13 water issues facing the State.

14          (c) The Task Force shall:

15           (1) identify critical water issues;

16           (2) develop recommendations to address critical water  
17 topic issues;

18           (3) implement recommendations; and

19           (4) reevaluate critical water issues and needs.

20          (d) The Task Force shall publish a State Water Plan not  
21 less than every 10 years. The Plan shall include:

22           (1) Identification of critical water topics needing  
23 specific attention in this State based on stakeholder  
24 input sought and provided during the plan development.

25           (2) Topic Lead as an individual from the Task Force  
26 membership responsible for ensuring the development of the

1 Topic Lead's assigned critical topic section of the Plan.

2 (3) Plan development shall include public outreach  
3 phases to obtain feedback on the most critical water  
4 issues faced by the State and how to address those issues.

5 (4) Recommendations related to the identified issues  
6 for each critical topic, including, but not limited to:

7 (A) New State programs or modification to existing  
8 programs.

9 (B) New or modified existing policy within a  
10 program or agency.

11 (C) New or modified legislation.

12 (D) Requests for a study or research be completed.

13 (E) Proposals or designs of a construction  
14 project.

15 (F) Funding requests for the above listed  
16 recommendations.

17 (5) No more than 2 years shall be used to develop a new  
18 Plan.

19 (6) The Task Force shall develop and maintain a  
20 publicly available website or portal that summarizes  
21 projects of the Task Force.

22 (e) The Task Force shall be responsible for developing  
23 membership voting and operational rules.

24 (f) The Task Force shall meet not less than once per  
25 quarter each calendar year to:

26 (1) Update the status of the Plan recommendations by

1 providing a implementation summary that will be published  
2 to the official Task Force website or portal.

3 (2) Review, evaluate, and publish an annual report  
4 showing the implementation status for each of the Plan's  
5 recommendations.

6 (g) The Task Force shall have the authority to:

7 (1) Create and use subtask forces or committees to  
8 identifying critical issues and implementing  
9 recommendations related to the Plan.

10 (2) Publish special reports specific to critical  
11 topics to add clarification and provide additional details  
12 of action needed.

13 (3) Review and evaluate State laws, rules,  
14 regulations, and procedures that relate to water needs in  
15 the state.

16 (4) Recommend procedures for better coordination among  
17 State water-related programs, with local programs and  
18 stakeholder groups.

19 (5) Recommend and prioritize the State's water related  
20 research needs.

21 (6) Review, coordinate, and evaluate water data  
22 collection, analysis, and public sharing.

23 (7) Allow member entities to request annual  
24 appropriations to resource necessary staff participation  
25 on the Task Force and resource Plan development.