



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act
30 ILCS 5/6-2 new

Creates the Department of Government Efficiency Act. Establishes the Department of Government Efficiency in the Office of the Auditor General for certain purposes. Provides that the Office of the Auditor General shall provide administrative and other support to the Department. Provides that the Department shall be led by a Board of Directors, chaired by a Chairperson elected annually at the first meeting of the year from among the directors. Lists 5 directors, including the Auditor General or the Auditor General's designee and 4 directors appointed by leaders of the General Assembly. Provides that the Board may appoint members of the Department who are experts in certain fields or with certain experience who shall serve under the Board. Provides that directors and members shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for their reasonable and necessary expenses from funds appropriated for that purpose. Provides for powers of the Department, including advising the Office of the Auditor General regarding audits and investigations. Provides that the Board may request a State agency head to provide all information requested by the Board and possessed by the State agency to the Board. Provides that the Department may adopt rules. Provides that the Department shall issue quarterly reports to the Governor and the General Assembly, as well as other discretionary reports. Sets forth findings and a statement of purpose. Defines terms. Amends the Illinois State Auditing Act to provide that the Auditor General may consult with the Department of Government Efficiency regarding audits and investigations.

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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
5 Department of Government Efficiency Act.

6 Section 5. Findings and purpose. The General Assembly
7 finds that:

8 (1) The government of the State of Illinois lacks
9 efficiency, which costs taxpayers money.

10 (2) The government of the State of Illinois has
11 enacted at least some unnecessary or redundant laws, which
12 make conducting business in this State more difficult than
13 necessary.

14 (3) The government of the State of Illinois has
15 adopted at least some unnecessary or redundant
16 administrative rules, which make conducting business in
17 this State more difficult than necessary.

18 (4) The government of the State of Illinois contains
19 at least some parts of State agencies that are unnecessary
20 or redundant, which costs taxpayers money.

21 Therefore, the General Assembly directs the establishment
22 of a Department of Government Efficiency to provide advice to
23 policymakers to help save taxpayers in this State money and to

1 help make conducting business in this State easier.

2 Section 10. Definitions. In this Act, unless the context
3 requires otherwise:

4 "Board of Directors" or "Board" means the Board of
5 Directors of the Department of Government Efficiency
6 established under this Act.

7 "Chairperson" means the Chairperson of the Board of
8 Directors of the Department of Government Efficiency
9 established under this Act.

10 "Confidential information" means information that may not
11 be publicly disclosed by State or federal law, rule, or
12 regulation.

13 "Department" means the Department of Government Efficiency
14 established in the Office of the Auditor General under this
15 Act.

16 "Director" means a director on the Board of Directors of
17 the Department of Government Efficiency established under this
18 Act.

19 "Member" means a member of the Department of Government
20 Efficiency established under this Act, as appointed by the
21 Board of Directors under Section 25 of this Act.

22 "State agency" means:

23 (1) each officer, board, commission, and agency
24 created by the Constitution in the executive branch of
25 State government;

1 (2) each officer, department, board, commission,
2 agency, institution, authority, university, and body
3 politic and corporate in the executive branch of State
4 government;

5 (3) each administrative unit or corporate outgrowth in
6 the executive branch of State government that is created
7 by or pursuant to statute;

8 (4) each administrative unit or corporate outgrowth of
9 an entity described in paragraph (1), (2), or (3); and

10 (5) each administrative unit or corporate outgrowth as
11 may be created by executive order of the Governor.

12 "State agency head" means the director of a State agency
13 or the individual or group of individuals in whom the ultimate
14 legal authority for a State agency is vested by any provision
15 of law.

16 "State leader" means a State agency head or a member of the
17 General Assembly.

18 Section 15. Department of Government Efficiency.

19 (a) The Department of Government Efficiency is established
20 in the Office of the Auditor General to serve as an advisory
21 and consulting organization to provide recommendations or
22 strategies for State leaders for the following purposes:

23 (1) regulatory rescissions;

24 (2) administrative reductions; and

25 (3) cost savings.

1 (b) The Office of the Auditor General shall provide
2 administrative and other support to the Department.

3 (c) The Department may advise the Office of the Auditor
4 General regarding audits and investigations under Section 30
5 of this Act for the purposes described in Section 5 and
6 subsection (a) of this Section.

7 Section 20. Board of Directors.

8 (a) The Department shall be led by a Board of Directors,
9 which shall be chaired by a Chairperson who shall be elected
10 annually at the first meeting of the year from among the
11 directors. The Board shall make decisions and take actions by
12 majority vote. The directors on the Board shall be as follows:

13 (1) the Auditor General or the Auditor General's
14 designee, who shall serve as Chairperson until the first
15 meeting under this Act;

16 (2) one director, appointed by the President of the
17 Senate;

18 (3) one director, appointed by the Speaker of the
19 House;

20 (4) one director, appointed by the Minority Leader of
21 the Senate; and

22 (5) one director, appointed by the Minority Leader of
23 the House of Representatives.

24 (b) Each director appointed under paragraph (2), (3), (4),
25 or (5) of subsection (a) may serve for a period of 2 years and

1 may be reappointed to the position or a new appointment may be
2 made under subsection (a) of this Section. A director
3 appointed under paragraph (2), (3), (4), or (5) of subsection
4 (a) may be discharged and removed by the Board. A director may
5 resign before the end of the director's term. A vacancy may be
6 filled by appointment under subsection (a) at any time.

7 (c) The Board shall convene and meet at the call of the
8 Chairperson and shall meet as frequently as necessary to carry
9 out its duties as required by this Act.

10 (d) The Board may obtain and review information from a
11 State agency under subsection (a) of Section 30.

12 (e) The directors shall serve without compensation but
13 shall be reimbursed for their reasonable and necessary
14 expenses from funds appropriated for that purpose.

15 Section 25. Members.

16 (a) The Board may appoint members in the Department who
17 shall serve under the Board. Each member appointed shall be:

18 (1) an expert with training or experience as a
19 corporate efficiency consultant, organizational
20 effectiveness consultant, management consultant, or the
21 equivalent;

22 (2) an expert with academic or teaching experience in
23 government, economics, political science, or a similar
24 discipline;

25 (3) an expert with significant experience with

1 business management; or

2 (4) an expert with significant experience with
3 government management.

4 (b) The members shall assist the Board in advising,
5 consulting, and providing recommendations or strategies for
6 State leaders. The members may assist the Board in advising
7 the Office of the Auditor General regarding audits and
8 investigations under Section 30, in reviewing information
9 obtained by the Board under subsection (a) of Section 30, in
10 drafting and publishing reports under Section 35, or in any
11 other task assigned by the Board. The members serve at the will
12 of the Board, and members may be discharged and removed by the
13 Board without cause.

14 (c) One or more members shall convene and meet at the call
15 of any director and shall meet as frequently as necessary to
16 carry out duties as assigned by any director.

17 (d) The members of the Department shall serve without
18 compensation but shall be reimbursed for their reasonable and
19 necessary expenses from funds appropriated for that purpose.

20 Section 30. Powers; audits and investigations; rulemaking.

21 (a) At the request of the Board, a State agency head shall
22 provide all information requested by the Board and possessed
23 by the State agency to the Board, except as otherwise
24 prohibited by law.

25 (b) The Department may advise the Office of the Auditor

1 General regarding audits and investigations of State agencies
2 for the purposes described in Section 5 and subsection (a) of
3 Section 15 of this Act.

4 (c) The Office of the Auditor General may consult with the
5 Department under Section 6-2 of the Illinois State Auditing
6 Act regarding audits and investigations of State agencies.

7 (d) The Department may adopt rules implementing this Act,
8 including rules to provide for policies and procedures for the
9 Board, policies and procedures for members, policies and
10 procedures for reports, and other policies and procedures to
11 otherwise accomplish the purposes of this Act.

12 Section 35. Reports. The Department shall identify issues
13 and make recommendations by issuing quarterly reports to the
14 Governor and the General Assembly. The Department may also
15 address reports to a State agency head at the discretion of the
16 Board. The substance of each report shall identify issues and
17 make recommendations based on the purposes described in
18 Section 5 and subsection (a) of Section 15 of this Act.

19 Section 40. The Illinois State Auditing Act is amended by
20 adding Section 6-2 as follows:

21 (30 ILCS 5/6-2 new)

22 Sec. 6-2. Department of Government Efficiency. The Auditor
23 General may consult with the Department of Government

1 Efficiency established in the Office of the Auditor General
2 under the Department of Government Efficiency Act regarding
3 audits and investigations under this Act.