

1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 986

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 986 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Illinois Africa-America Peace Brigade Act.

6 Section 5. Legislative declaration.

7 (a) The General Assembly declares that it is the policy
8 of this State to promote peace and friendship with African
9 nations through the Illinois Africa-America Peace Brigade.
10 The Peace Brigade shall make available to interested African
11 nations men and women of this State qualified for service
12 abroad and willing to serve under conditions of hardship if
13 necessary. A purpose of the Peace Brigade is to help the
14 peoples of African nations in meeting their needs for trained
15 manpower, particularly in meeting the basic needs of those
16 living in the poorest areas of those countries, and to help
17 promote a better understanding of the citizens of this State
18 on the part of the peoples served and a better understanding
19 of other peoples on the part of the citizens of this State.

20 (b) The General Assembly declares that it is the policy
21 of this State to promote the success of the descendants of
22 persons from Africa who reside in this State. In order to

1 meet this goal, the General Assembly finds that it is
2 necessary to provide emergency resources, especially human
3 resources, to the failing schools in the urban inner-city
4 areas of this State. A purpose of the Peace Brigade is to
5 provide those failing schools with their need for trained
6 manpower in meeting the basic and remedial educational needs
7 of African-American students.

8 Section 10. Definitions.

9 "Agency of the United States government" means any
10 department, board, wholly or partially owned corporation, or
11 other instrumentality, commission, or establishment of the
12 United States.

13 "Council" means the Illinois Africa-America Peace Brigade
14 Advisory Council created by this Act.

15 "Director" means the Director of the Illinois
16 Africa-America Peace Brigade.

17 "Peace Brigade" means the Illinois Africa-America Peace
18 Brigade created by this Act.

19 "Secretary of State" means the Secretary of State of the
20 United States.

21 "Volunteer", unless the context otherwise requires,
22 includes volunteer leaders and applicants for enrollment as
23 volunteers.

24 Section 15. Illinois Africa-America Peace Brigade;
25 director and deputy director; rules.

26 (a) There is created the Illinois Africa-America Peace
27 Brigade. The Peace Brigade shall be under the direction of a
28 Director and a Deputy Director appointed by the Governor with
29 the advice and consent of the Senate.

30 (b) The Director may adopt any rules necessary to carry
31 out the purposes of this Act and to perform any of the duties
32 of the Peace Brigade.

1 Section 20. Powers and duties.

2 (a) The Peace Brigade may enter into, perform, and
3 modify contracts and agreements with and may otherwise
4 cooperate with any agency of the United States government,
5 any state, any State agency, or any educational institutions,
6 voluntary agencies, farm organizations, labor unions, or
7 other organizations, persons, or firms.

8 (b) The Director may, with the approval of the Secretary
9 of State, assign volunteers to temporary duty with
10 international organizations and agencies.

11 (c) The Director may assign volunteers to duty or make
12 them available to any entity referred to in subsection (a) of
13 this Section in order to assist those entities in providing
14 development or other assistance to African nations.

15 (d) In recognition of the fact that women in developing
16 countries play a significant role in economic production,
17 family support, and the overall development process, the
18 Peace Brigade shall, whenever possible, give particular
19 attention to programs and activities that integrate women
20 into the economies of African nations.

21 (e) In recognition of the fact that 95% of the disabled
22 people in the world are among the poorest of the poor, the
23 Peace Brigade shall, whenever possible, give particular
24 attention to programs and activities that integrate disabled
25 people into the economies of African nations.

26 (f) The Director may, in cooperation with the State Board
27 of Education and the State Superintendent of Education,
28 assign volunteers to duty in urban inner-city schools in this
29 State.

30 Section 25. Approval by the Secretary of State.

31 (a) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to infringe
32 upon the powers or functions of the Secretary of State. In
33 carrying out the purposes of this Act, the Director must seek

1 the approval of the Secretary of State for any programs or
2 activities of the Peace Brigade in foreign nations.

3 (b) Except with the approval of the Secretary of State,
4 the Peace Brigade may not be assigned to perform services in
5 foreign nations that could more usefully be performed by an
6 agency of the United States government.

7 Section 30. Employees, experts, and consultants. The
8 Peace Brigade may employ any personnel, in accordance with
9 the Personnel Code, that may be necessary to carry out the
10 purposes of this Act. The Peace Brigade may enter into
11 contracts with any experts and consultants that it deems
12 necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.

13 Section 35. Volunteers.

14 (a) The Director may enroll in the Peace Brigade for
15 service in African nations and in urban inner-city schools in
16 this State qualified citizens of this State without regard to
17 race, gender, creed, or color. No political test or
18 qualification may be used in selecting any person for
19 enrollment as a volunteer. No person may be assigned to duty
20 as a volunteer in any foreign country unless at the time of
21 the assignment he or she possess a reasonable proficiency in
22 speaking the language of the country to which he or she will
23 be assigned. The Director may, by rule, prescribe any other
24 qualifications for volunteers.

25 (b) The terms and conditions of service of volunteers
26 are those set forth in this Act and as the Director
27 prescribes. The service of any volunteer may be terminated at
28 the pleasure of the Director. Upon enrollment, every
29 volunteer shall take an oath of office.

30 (c) Subject to appropriations, volunteers may be
31 provided with any living, travel, and leave allowances and
32 any housing, transportation, supplies, equipment,

1 subsistence, and clothing that the Director determines is
2 necessary for their maintenance and to insure their health
3 and their capacity to serve effectively. Transportation and
4 travel allowances may also be provided, as the Director
5 determines, for applicants for enrollment as volunteers to or
6 from places of training and places of enrollment and for
7 former volunteers from places of service to their homes.

8 (d) Subject to appropriations, volunteers who serve in a
9 foreign country may receive a readjustment allowance, in an
10 amount determined by the Director, for each month of
11 satisfactory service. The readjustment allowance of each
12 volunteer is payable on his or her return to the United
13 States. Under circumstances that the Director determines,
14 however, the readjustment allowance, or any part thereof, may
15 be paid to the volunteer or members of his or her family
16 during the period of his or her service or before his or her
17 return to the United States. In the event of a volunteer's
18 death during the period of service, the readjustment
19 allowance shall be paid to his or her family.

20 (e) Subject to appropriation, volunteers, applicants for
21 enrollment as volunteers, and former volunteers may receive
22 any health examinations, immunizations, or health and dental
23 care that the Director deems necessary or appropriate.

24 (f) In order to assure that the skills and experience of
25 former volunteers are fully used, the Director may, in
26 cooperation with agencies of the United States government,
27 State agencies, private employers, educational institutions,
28 and other entities, counsel volunteers with respect to
29 opportunities for further education and employment.

30 (g) Notwithstanding any other provision of law,
31 attorneys may be employed and attorneys' fees, court costs,
32 bail, and other expenses incidental to the defense of
33 volunteers may be paid in foreign judicial or administrative
34 proceedings to which volunteers have been made parties.

1 (h) Subject to appropriation, the minor children of a
2 volunteer that are living with the volunteer may receive:

3 (1) any living, travel, education, and leave
4 allowances and any housing, transportation, subsistence,
5 and clothing that the Director determines;

6 (2) any health care, including health care
7 following the volunteer's service for an illness or
8 injury incurred during the period of service, that the
9 Director determines;

10 (3) any orientation, language, and other training
11 that the Director determines; and

12 (4) the benefits of subsection (g) of this Section
13 on the same basis of volunteers.

14 (i) Subject to appropriations, the cost of packing and
15 unpacking, transporting to and from a place of storage, and
16 storing the furniture and household and personal effects of a
17 volunteer who has one or more minor children at the time of
18 his or her entering pre-enrollment training may be paid from
19 the date of his or her departure from his or her place of
20 residence to enter training until no later than 3 months
21 after his or her service is terminated.

22 Section 40. Volunteer leaders. The Director may enroll
23 as volunteer leaders in the Peace Brigade qualified citizens
24 of this State whose services are required for supervisory or
25 other special duties or responsibilities in connection with
26 programs or activities under this Act. The ratio of the
27 total number of volunteer leaders in service at any one time
28 may not exceed one to 25. Volunteer leaders are entitled to
29 the same benefits as volunteers.

30 Section 45. Training programs. The Director shall make
31 provision for any training that he or she deems appropriate
32 for each applicant for enrollment as a volunteer and each

1 enrolled volunteer. All of the provisions of this Act that
2 apply to volunteers apply to applicants for enrollment during
3 any period of training occurring before enrollment.

4 Section 50. Applications; background check; enrollment.

5 (a) Applicants for enrollment as volunteers must submit
6 any information, including fingerprints taken by a law
7 enforcement officer, that the Director requires on a form
8 furnished by the Director. The Director shall provide any
9 information necessary for a background check to the
10 Department of State Police. The Director may request that the
11 Secretary of State conduct a security investigation of an
12 applicant for enrollment for service in a foreign nation.

13 (b) If the Director is satisfied that an applicant meets
14 the qualifications for a volunteer and after the applicant
15 completes any pre-enrollment training that the Director
16 requires, the applicant may be enrolled as a volunteer.

17 Section 55. Illinois Africa-America Peace Brigade
18 Advisory Council.

19 (a) The Illinois Africa-America Peace Brigade Advisory
20 Council is created. The Council consists of 15 members
21 appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the
22 Senate. Members of the Council shall be broadly
23 representative of the general public, including educational
24 institutions; private volunteer agencies; private industry;
25 farm organizations; labor unions; different regions of the
26 State; different educational, economic, racial, and national
27 backgrounds; different age groupings; and both genders. No
28 member of the Council may be a State employee.

29 (b) The first appointments of members of the Council
30 shall be made not more than 60 days after the effective date
31 of this Act. Of the members initially appointed under this
32 Section, 8 shall be appointed to one-year terms and 7 shall

1 be appointed to 2-year terms. Thereafter, all members shall
2 serve 2-year terms. No member may serve for more than 2
3 consecutive 2-year terms.

4 Members of the Council serve at the pleasure of the
5 Governor. A member of the Council may be removed by a vote
6 of 9 members for malfeasance in office, for persistent
7 neglect of or inability to discharge duties, or for offenses
8 involving moral turpitude.

9 Within 30 days after any vacancy occurs in the office of
10 a member of the Council, the Governor shall nominate an
11 individual to fill the vacancy. A member appointed to fill a
12 vacancy occurring before the expiration of the term for which
13 the member's predecessor was appointed shall be appointed
14 only for the remainder of that term.

15 (c) Subject to appropriation, members of the Council may
16 be compensated for each day (including travel time) during
17 which the member is engaged in the actual performance of his
18 or her duties as a Council member. Members may not receive
19 compensation for more than 20 days in any calendar year.

20 (d) A member of the Council must disclose to the Council
21 the existence of any direct or indirect financial interest in
22 any particular matter before the Council and may not vote or
23 otherwise participate as a Council member with respect to
24 that matter.

25 (e) At its first meeting and at its first regular
26 meeting in each calendar year thereafter, the Council must
27 elect a chair and a vice-chair from its members. The chair
28 and vice-chair may not be members of the same political
29 party.

30 (f) The Council must hold a regular meeting during each
31 calendar year and shall meet at the call of the Governor, the
32 Director, the chair, or 1/4 of its members. The Council
33 shall adopt any by-laws and rules that it considers necessary
34 to carry out its functions. The by-laws and rules must

1 include procedures for fixing the time and place of meetings,
2 giving or waiving notice of meetings, and keeping minutes of
3 meetings. A majority of the members of the Council constitute
4 a quorum for the purposes of transacting any business.

5 (g) The Council shall evaluate the accomplishments of
6 the Peace Brigade, assess the potential capabilities and the
7 future role of the Peace Brigade, and make recommendations to
8 the Governor, the Director, and, as the Council considers
9 appropriate, the General Assembly for the purpose of guiding
10 the future direction of the Peace Brigade and of helping to
11 ensure that the purposes and programs of the Peace Brigade
12 are carried out in ways that are economical, efficient,
13 responsive to changing needs, and in accordance with the law.
14 The Council may also make any other evaluations, assessments,
15 and recommendations it considers appropriate.

16 Subject to appropriation, the Council may conduct on-site
17 inspections and make examinations of the activities of the
18 Peace Brigade in other countries.

19 (h) Not later than January 1 of each year, the Council
20 must submit to the Governor and the Director a report on its
21 views on the programs and activities of the Peace Brigade.
22 Each report must contain a summary of the advice and
23 recommendations of the Council. Within 90 days after
24 receiving the report, the Governor must submit the report to
25 the General Assembly, together with any comments concerning
26 the report that the Governor or the Director considers
27 appropriate.

28 (i) The Director shall make available to the Council any
29 personnel, administrative support services, and technical
30 assistance necessary to carry out its functions effectively.

31 Section 60. Report. At least once during each fiscal
32 year, the Governor must report on the programs and activities
33 of the Peace Brigade under this Act to the General Assembly.

1 The report must include:

2 (1) a description of the purpose and scope of any
3 project that the Peace Brigade undertook during the
4 preceding fiscal year; and

5 (2) recommendations for improving coordination of
6 projects between the Peace Brigade, the United States,
7 and other State agencies.

8 Section 800. The Departments of State Government Law of
9 the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is amended by
10 changing Sections 5-15 and 5-20 and by adding Section 5-425
11 as follows:

12 (20 ILCS 5/5-15) (was 20 ILCS 5/3)

13 Sec. 5-15. Departments of State government. The
14 Departments of State government are created as follows:

15 The Department on Aging.

16 The Department of Agriculture.

17 The Department of Central Management Services.

18 The Department of Children and Family Services.

19 The Department of Commerce and Community Affairs.

20 The Department of Corrections.

21 The Department of Employment Security.

22 The Department of Financial Institutions.

23 The Department of Human Rights.

24 The Department of Human Services.

25 The Department of Insurance.

26 The Department of Labor.

27 The Department of the Lottery.

28 The Department of Natural Resources.

29 The Department of Nuclear Safety.

30 The Department of Professional Regulation.

31 The Department of Public Aid.

32 The Department of Public Health.

1 The Department of Revenue.
2 The Department of State Police.
3 The Department of Transportation.
4 The Department of Veterans' Affairs.
5 The Illinois Africa-America Peace Brigade.

6 (Source: P.A. 91-239, eff. 1-1-00.)

7 (20 ILCS 5/5-20) (was 20 ILCS 5/4)

8 Sec. 5-20. Heads of departments. Each department shall
9 have an officer as its head who shall be known as director or
10 secretary and who shall, subject to the provisions of the
11 Civil Administrative Code of Illinois, execute the powers and
12 discharge the duties vested by law in his or her respective
13 department.

14 The following officers are hereby created:

15 Director of Aging, for the Department on Aging.

16 Director of Agriculture, for the Department of
17 Agriculture.

18 Director of Central Management Services, for the
19 Department of Central Management Services.

20 Director of Children and Family Services, for the
21 Department of Children and Family Services.

22 Director of Commerce and Community Affairs, for the
23 Department of Commerce and Community Affairs.

24 Director of Corrections, for the Department of
25 Corrections.

26 Director of Employment Security, for the Department of
27 Employment Security.

28 Director of Financial Institutions, for the Department of
29 Financial Institutions.

30 Director of Human Rights, for the Department of Human
31 Rights.

32 Secretary of Human Services, for the Department of Human
33 Services.

1 Director of Insurance, for the Department of Insurance.

2 Director of Labor, for the Department of Labor.

3 Director of the Lottery, for the Department of the
4 Lottery.

5 Director of Natural Resources, for the Department of
6 Natural Resources.

7 Director of Nuclear Safety, for the Department of Nuclear
8 Safety.

9 Director of Professional Regulation, for the Department
10 of Professional Regulation.

11 Director of Public Aid, for the Department of Public Aid.

12 Director of Public Health, for the Department of Public
13 Health.

14 Director of Revenue, for the Department of Revenue.

15 Director of State Police, for the Department of State
16 Police.

17 Secretary of Transportation, for the Department of
18 Transportation.

19 Director of Veterans' Affairs, for the Department of
20 Veterans' Affairs.

21 Director of the Illinois Africa-America Peace Brigade,
22 for the Illinois Africa-America Peace Brigade.

23 (Source: P.A. 91-239, eff. 1-1-00.)

24 (20 ILCS 5/5-425 new)

25 Sec. 5-425. In the Illinois Africa-America Peace
26 Brigade. The Director and the Assistant Director of the
27 Illinois Africa-America Peace Brigade shall receive annual
28 salaries that are the same as the salaries of the Director
29 and Assistant Director of Agriculture, respectively, until
30 such time as their salaries are set by the Compensation
31 Review Board, and thereafter shall receive salaries as set by
32 the Compensation Review Board.

1 Section 805. The Department of State Police Law of the
2 Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is amended by adding
3 Section 2605-345 as follows:

4 (20 ILCS 2605/2605-345 new)

5 Sec. 2605-345. Criminal background investigations for
6 the Illinois Africa-America Peace Brigade. Upon the request
7 of the Director of the Illinois Africa-America Peace Brigade,
8 to conduct criminal background investigations of applicants
9 for enrollment as volunteers in the Illinois Africa-America
10 Peace Brigade and to report any criminal history information
11 to the Director of the Illinois Africa-America Peace Brigade.
12 The request shall be in the form and manner specified by the
13 Department."