



93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY
State of Illinois
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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the African-American Family Commission Act. Establishes a 15-member African-American Family Commission to serve as a coordinating and advocating body that acts on behalf of the interests of African-Americans in the State. Provides that members of the Commission shall be appointed by the Governor and serve 2-year terms. Provides that the Commission shall submit an annual report of its activities to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 31 each year. Sets forth the responsibilities of the Commission and its Director. Provides that the Commission may accept offers, gifts, or grants from federal, State, local, or private sources and may expend these receipts on projects that it deems suitably related to performance of Commission duties. Provides that the Department of Central Management Services shall provide the Commission the same type and level of services it provides to other State agencies.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

1 AN ACT concerning commissions.

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 African-American Family Commission Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions.

7 "Commission" means the African-American Family Commission.

8 "Chairperson" means the Chairperson of the
9 African-American Family Commission.

10 "Director" means the Director of the African-American
11 Family Commission.

12 Section 10. African-American Family Commission. The
13 Commission shall be a coordinating and advocating body that
14 acts on behalf of the interests of African-Americans in
15 Illinois. The Commission shall submit an annual report of its
16 activities to the Governor and the General Assembly by December
17 31 each year. The Commission shall:

18 (a) Monitor existing legislation and programs designed to
19 address the needs of African-Americans in Illinois;

20 (b) Identify and research problem areas and issues
21 affecting African-Americans and make recommendations to the
22 Governor, General Assembly, and appropriate State agencies;

23 (c) Serve as a resource for community groups on
24 African-American issues, procure sources of funding, and
25 monitor compliance requirements within State government for
26 the beneficial advancement of African-Americans; and

27 (d) Assist local African-American community groups in
28 developing strategies that will expand and enhance the social,
29 cultural, and economic status of the African-American
30 community.

1 Section 15. Appointment; terms. The Commission shall be
2 composed of 15 members who shall be appointed by the Governor
3 and each of whom shall have a working knowledge of issues
4 relevant to African-Americans in Illinois. Members shall serve
5 2-year terms. The chairperson shall be selected by the
6 Governor. Members shall be selected on a statewide basis. They
7 shall be representative of a broad segment of communities and
8 neighborhoods, and shall be selected from a variety of
9 disciplines that serve African-American families. They shall
10 be representative of a partnership and collaborative effort
11 between State agencies, community-based agencies and
12 organizations, and leadership from the public/private sector
13 and the community. Members shall serve without compensation but
14 may be reimbursed for expenses.

15 Section 20. Receipt and use of funds. The Commission may
16 accept offers, gifts, or grants from federal, state, and local
17 governments, its agencies or officers, or from any person,
18 firm, or corporation of services, equipment, supplies,
19 materials, or funds and may expend these receipts on projects
20 that it considers suitable to performance of duties under this
21 Act.

22 Section 25. Director. The Director of the Commission shall
23 carry out the policies and programs of the Commission. The
24 Director shall organize and administer the staff of the
25 Commission to meet the requirements of this Act.

26 Section 30. Services provided to Commission. The
27 Department of Central Management Services shall provide to the
28 African-American Family Commission the same type and level of
29 services as it provides to other State agencies, including but
30 not limited to office space, communications, and any other
31 operational services that the Department provides to other
32 State offices and agencies, as necessary to fulfill the
33 Commission's statutory mandate.