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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 2571

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 2571, AS AMENDED,
3 by replacing everything after the enacting clause with the
4 following:

5 "Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
6 Illinois and Midwest High-Speed Rail Commission Act.

7 Section 5. Definitions. In this Act:

8 "Commission" means the Illinois and Midwest High-Speed
9 Rail Commission.

10 "High-speed rail" means a system of new electrified tracks
11 designed primarily for trains capable of traveling at speeds in
12 excess of 150 miles per hour.

13 Section 10. Composition of the Commission.

14 (a) The Commission shall be composed of 15 members as
15 follows:

1 (1) 12 public members appointed by the Governor; and

2 (2) 3 ex-officio members as follows:

3 (A) the Illinois Secretary of Transportation;

4 (B) the Director of Commerce and Economic
5 Opportunity; and

6 (C) the Executive Director of the Illinois State
7 Toll Highway Authority.

8 (b) A person appointed as a public member of the Commission
9 must be a resident of this State. Public members of the
10 Commission must include the following: (i) local elected
11 officials who have expressed interest in high-speed rail; (ii)
12 former elected officials with transportation policy expertise;
13 (iii) individuals with professional expertise in long-term
14 financing of infrastructure; and (iv) individuals with
15 expertise in transportation or railroad infrastructure
16 projects. The appointed members shall reflect the geographic
17 diversity of the State and shall include representation from
18 all regions of the State.

19 (c) Commission members shall be appointed within 45 days
20 after the effective date of this Act.

21 (d) The Governor shall designate one public member of the
22 Commission to serve as the chair of the Commission and one
23 public member to serve as the vice-chair of the Commission.

24 Section 15. Ex-officio members; eligibility; designation
25 of representative.

1 (a) An ex-officio member of the Commission vacates the
2 person's position on the Commission if the person ceases to
3 hold the position that qualifies the person for service on the
4 Commission.

5 (b) An ex-officio member may designate a representative to
6 serve on the Commission in the member's absence. A
7 representative designated under this subsection must be an
8 officer or employee of the State agency that employs the
9 ex-officio member.

10 Section 20. Compensation; expenses.

11 (a) A public member of the Commission is not entitled to
12 compensation but is entitled to reimbursement for the travel
13 expenses incurred by the member while transacting Commission
14 business.

15 (b) An ex-officio member's service on the Commission is an
16 additional duty of the underlying position that qualifies the
17 member for service on the Commission. The entitlement of an
18 ex-officio member to compensation or to reimbursement for
19 travel expenses incurred while transacting Commission business
20 is governed by the law that applies to the member's service in
21 that underlying position, and any payment to the member for
22 either purpose must be made from an appropriation that may be
23 used for the purpose and is available to the State agency that
24 the member serves in that underlying position.

1 Section 25. Meetings; quorum.

2 (a) The Commission shall meet at least monthly at the times
3 and places in this State that the chair designates until April
4 2011 and at least quarterly thereafter.

5 (b) Members of the Commission may participate in Commission
6 meetings by teleconference or video conference.

7 (c) A majority of the members of the Commission constitute
8 a quorum for transacting Commission business.

9 Section 30. General powers and duties of the Commission.

10 (a) The Commission shall:

11 (1) Prepare and issue a report to the Governor, the
12 General Assembly, and the public recommending the best
13 governmental structure for a public-private partnership to
14 design, build, operate, maintain, and finance a high-speed
15 rail system for Illinois and the Midwest. The report must
16 include specific recommendations for legislation, if
17 statutory change is required, or specific administrative
18 regulations, if regulatory change is required, to
19 implement the recommended high-speed rail system. The
20 report must include recommended sources for the funding of
21 a high-speed rail system including private sources of
22 capital and revenue bonds. The report must contain
23 recommendations for integrating the high-speed rail system
24 into existing and planned Amtrak expansions, airports, and
25 public transportation systems. The report must include

1 recommendations for federal, State, and local actions for
2 the development and implementation of a high-speed rail
3 system. The report must be issued by March 20, 2011.

4 (2) Prepare a follow-up report that details the status
5 of recommendations issued by the Commission and any revised
6 and updated recommendations based on further public and
7 stakeholder input. The follow-up report must be issued by
8 February 1, 2012.

9 (3) Develop a process to receive public and stakeholder
10 input on opinions and proposals for building, designing,
11 maintaining, operating, and financing a high-speed rail
12 system for Illinois and the Midwest. The process must
13 include the solicitation and receipt of formal expressions
14 of interest and other testimony from global high-speed rail
15 operators including without limitation Amtrak.

16 (4) Solicit and receive formal testimony, both written
17 and oral, from representatives of the other states in the
18 Midwest including without limitation representatives from
19 units of local government.

20 (5) Work collaboratively with the Department of
21 Transportation on any planning projects for high-speed
22 rail administered by the Department to comply with federal
23 high-speed rail requirements including without limitation
24 the solicitation of public input and comments.

25 (b) In implementing subsection (a), the Commission must
26 consult with and receive testimony from global high-speed rail

1 operators including without limitation Amtrak.

2 (c) Nothing in this Act shall preclude the Department of
3 Transportation from planning for high-speed rail.

4 Section 35. Funding. The Illinois Department of
5 Transportation may provide staff and other support to the
6 Commission from money available to the Department that may be
7 used for this purpose. The General Assembly may also
8 specifically appropriate money to the Department to provide
9 staff and other support to the Commission.

10 The Commission may accept monetary gifts and grants from
11 any public or private source. The Commission may also accept
12 in-kind gifts.

13 Section 95. Repeal. This Act is repealed on January 1,
14 2014.

15 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
16 becoming law."