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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 197

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 197 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 Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform Act.

6 Section 10. Establishment of Commission.

7 (a) The Illinois Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and
8 Reform is established. The Commission shall consist of 22
9 voting members as follows: 6 members of the Illinois House of
10 Representatives, 3 appointed by the Speaker of the House and 3
11 appointed by the House Minority Leader; 6 members of the
12 Illinois Senate, 3 appointed by the Senate President and 3
13 appointed by the Senate Minority Leader; 6 members, with no
14 more than 4 from the same political party, who shall be
15 appointed by the Governor; and 4 public members, one each
16 appointed by the Speaker of the House, the House Minority

1 Leader, the Senate President, and the Senate Minority Leader.
2 Members shall serve without compensation.

3 (b) As soon as possible after the effective date of this
4 Act, the Commission shall meet.

5 (c) The Commission shall be provided assistance and
6 necessary staff support services by the Commission on
7 Government Forecasting and Accountability and the Governor's
8 Office of Management and Budget.

9 Section 15. Purposes of Commission. The purpose of the
10 Commission is to make recommendations to assist the State in
11 reducing State spending and to balance the State's budget in
12 order to improve the State's long-term fiscal stability. The
13 Commission's recommendations must focus on the following
14 areas:

- 15 (1) discretionary State spending,
- 16 (2) State tax reform and simplification,
- 17 (3) cost containment in publicly-financed health care,
- 18 (4) specific areas in which State agencies could be
19 required to reduce expenditures,
- 20 (5) State budget and accounting practices, and
- 21 (6) measures to reform the actuarial status of
22 State-managed pension systems.

23 Section 20. Report. Within 60 days after the effective date
24 of this Act, the Commission must vote on its recommendations

1 and submit a report to the Governor and the General Assembly.
2 If the Commission adopts the report by a three-fifths vote,
3 then the General Assembly must, within 14 days after the report
4 is filed by the Commission, vote on whether to accept the
5 report by the adoption of a resolution by a record vote of a
6 majority of the members elected in each house. If the General
7 Assembly is not in session on the day that the report is filed,
8 then the General Assembly must vote on whether to accept the
9 report within 14 days after the General Assembly convenes for
10 the first time after the report is filed.

11 The Commission is abolished on the day after the report is
12 submitted to the Governor and the General Assembly.

13 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
14 becoming law."