

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 Commission to End the Disparities Facing the African-American
6 Community Act.

7 Section 5. Commission; creation; members.

8 (a) There is created a Commission to End the Disparities
9 Facing the African-American Community, to consist of 24 members
10 as follows:

11 (1) 6 members appointed by the Governor as follows: (i)
12 2 members must be educators, (ii) 2 members must be
13 healthcare service providers, and (iii) 2 members must be
14 business persons;

15 (2) 6 members appointed by the President of the Senate
16 as follows: (i) 2 members must be educators, (ii) 2 members
17 must be healthcare service providers, and (iii) 2 members
18 must be business persons;

19 (3) 3 members appointed by the Senate Minority Leader
20 as follows: (i) one member must be an educator, (ii) one
21 member must be a healthcare service provider, and (iii) one
22 member must be a business person;

23 (4) 6 members appointed by the Speaker of the House as

1 follows: (i) 2 members must be educators, (ii) 2 members
2 must be healthcare service providers, and (iii) 2 members
3 must be business persons; and

4 (5) 3 members appointed by the House Minority Leader as
5 follows: (i) one member must be an educator, (ii) one
6 member must be a healthcare service provider, and (iii) one
7 member must be a business person.

8 (b) The members of the Commission shall elect one member to
9 serve as the chair of the Commission.

10 (c) Members shall serve for 2-year terms.

11 (d) Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as
12 appointments.

13 Section 10. Study; recommendations; report. The
14 Commission must:

15 (1) Research the disparities facing African-Americans in
16 the areas of education, healthcare, healthcare services, and
17 employment.

18 (2) Prepare and submit a report to the Governor and the
19 General Assembly by January 1, 2013 and each January 1
20 thereafter, setting forth specific recommendations for
21 legislation to end the disparities facing African-Americans in
22 the areas of education, healthcare, healthcare services, and
23 employment.

24 Section 15. Meetings; officers. The members of the

1 Commission shall meet and the Commission shall be organized
2 within 30 days after the effective date of this Act. The
3 Commission may adopt its own rules of procedure.

4 Section 20. Compensation; expenses. The members of the
5 Commission shall serve without compensation, but may be
6 reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the
7 performance of their official duties as members of the
8 Commission.

9 Section 25. Administrative support. The Department of
10 Human Services shall provide administrative and other support
11 to the Commission.

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