

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

10 (1) 2 members of the Senate appointed by the Senate
11 President, one of whom the President shall designate to
12 serve as co-chair, and 2 members of the Senate appointed by
13 the Minority Leader of the Senate;

14 (2) 2 members of the House of Representatives appointed
15 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one of whom
16 the Speaker shall designate to serve as co-chair, and 2
17 members of the House of Representatives appointed by the
18 Minority Leader of the House of Representatives;

19 (3) the following Illinois officials or their
20 designees:

21 (i) the Director of Human Services,

22 (ii) the Director of Healthcare and Family
23 Services,

1 (iii) the Director of Children and Family
2 Services,
3 (iv) the Director of Public Health,
4 (v) the Director of Aging,
5 (vi) the Director of Labor,
6 (vii) the Director of Employment Security,
7 (viii) the Director of Commerce and Economic
8 Opportunity,
9 (ix) the State Superintendent of Education,
10 (x) the Executive Director of the Board of Higher
11 Education,
12 (xi) the Director of Corrections,
13 (xii) the Director of Juvenile Justice, and
14 (xiii) the Executive Director of the Illinois
15 African-American Family Commission; and
16 (4) up to 10 persons, named by the co-chairs,
17 representing African-American communities within Illinois
18 in the areas of healthcare, healthcare services,
19 employment, education, criminal justice, housing, and
20 other interested parties.

21 Section 10. Compensation; support. The members of the
22 Commission shall serve without compensation. The Jane Addams
23 College of Social Work at the University of Illinois at Chicago
24 shall provide staff and administrative support services to the
25 Commission. Other academic, civic, and not-for-profit

1 organizations may be called on to assist as determined by the
2 Commission.

3 Section 15. Meetings; report. The Commission shall:

4 (1) research the disparities facing African-Americans
5 in the areas of healthcare, healthcare services,
6 employment, education, criminal justice, housing, and
7 other social and economic issues;

8 (2) hold one or more public hearings, at which public
9 testimony shall be heard; and

10 (3) report its findings and specific recommendations
11 to the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2013,
12 after which the Commission shall dissolve.

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

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