

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 Governor's Office of New Americans Act.

6 Section 5. Governor's Office of New Americans. The Office
7 of New Americans is hereby created in the Office of the
8 Governor. The Office of New Americans shall maintain and
9 continue to develop on behalf of the people of the State of
10 Illinois a New Americans Immigrant Policy that builds upon the
11 strengths of immigrants, their families, and their
12 institutions, and expedites their journey towards
13 self-sufficiency. The policy developed by the Office shall
14 enable State government to more effectively assist immigrants
15 in overcoming barriers to success and shall facilitate host
16 communities' ability to capitalize on the assets of their
17 immigrant populations.

18 The Governor's Office of New Americans shall identify
19 strategic partnerships with State agencies under the
20 jurisdiction of the Governor in an effort to implement best
21 practices, policies, and procedures and make recommendations
22 for statewide policy and administrative changes.

1 Section 10. New American Plans. Each State agency under the
2 jurisdiction of the Governor shall develop a New American Plan
3 that incorporates effective training and resources, ensures
4 culturally and linguistically competent and appropriate
5 services, and includes administrative practices that reach out
6 to and reflect the needs of the immigrant populations and
7 populations with limited English proficiency. Each State
8 agency under the jurisdiction of the Governor shall consider
9 the New Americans Immigrant Policy Council's recommendations
10 in creating the agency's plans. Agency plans should be
11 submitted to the Governor for approval.