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HB3765

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Springfield High Speed Railroad Oversight Act. Provides for the establishment of a diversity program to ensure environmental justice, local involvement, and non-discrimination in all contracts related to the High Speed Rail Project in the City of Springfield and Sangamon County. Sets forth requirements of the program. Establishes the Springfield High Speed Railroad Oversight Commission. Requires the Commission to submit quarterly reports to various state officers and agencies detailing the progress of the project. Defines required terms. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning transportation.

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 Springfield High Speed Railroad Oversight Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions. For purposes of this Act:

7 "Department" means the Department of Transportation.

8 "Minority owned business", "business owned by a person with
9 a disability", and "female owned business" shall have the
10 meanings provided in Section 2 of the Business Enterprise for
11 Minorities, Females, and Persons with Disabilities Act.

12 "High Speed Rail Project" means the Illinois High Speed
13 Rail Program, led by the Illinois Department of Transportation
14 and the Federal Railroad Administration, which is designed to
15 enhance the passenger transportation network in the
16 Chicago-St. Louis corridor.

17 Section 10. Diversity program; purposes. The Department,
18 the City of Springfield, and Sangamon County shall establish
19 and maintain a diversity program to ensure environmental
20 justice, as well as local involvement and non-discrimination,
21 in all contracts related to the High Speed Rail Project in the
22 City of Springfield and Sangamon County. The program shall do

1 each of the following:

2 (1) Guarantee equal employment opportunities for socially
3 and economically disadvantaged workers, particularly in areas
4 affected by the High Speed Rail Project.

5 (2) Increase participation by minorities, women, and
6 persons with disabilities in employment opportunities.
7 Contracts related to the High Speed Rail Project shall meet a
8 goal of at least 25% minority hiring.

9 (3) Increase participation by small businesses, minority
10 owned businesses, businesses owned by a person with a
11 disability, and female owned businesses in contracting.
12 Contracts related to the High Speed Rail Project shall meet the
13 Department's existing 22.77% Disadvantaged Business Enterprise
14 participation goal for competitively let construction
15 projects.

16 (4) Provide new funds equal to 1/2 of 1% of the project
17 budget to local job training and support programs.

18 (5) Engage the full and fair participation of all
19 potentially affected communities in the transportation
20 decision making process concerning the construction of the High
21 Speed Rail Project.

22 (6) Ensure compliance with all State and federal hiring
23 regulations, including, but not limited to, goals for hiring
24 women and minorities, and prohibitions on discrimination.

25 (7) Ensure proper support and adequate resources are
26 available for the appointed rail relocation ombudsman.

1 Section 15. Springfield High Speed Railroad Oversight
2 Commission. The Springfield High Speed Railroad Oversight
3 Commission ("Commission") is created to monitor, review, and
4 report on contracting and employment related to the planning,
5 organization, and construction of the High Speed Rail Project.
6 The Commission shall consist of 13 members who shall be
7 appointed, within 90 days of the effective date of this Act, as
8 follows:

9 (1) One member of the Senate appointed by the President of
10 the Senate, who shall serve as a Co-Chairperson of the
11 Commission.

12 (2) One member of the House of Representatives appointed by
13 the Speaker of the House, who shall serve as a Co-Chairperson
14 of the Commission.

15 (3) One member of the Senate appointed by the Minority
16 Leader of the Senate.

17 (4) One member of the House appointed by the Minority
18 Leader of the House of Representatives.

19 (5) One member appointed by the Speaker of the House of
20 Representatives representing the community surrounding the
21 Springfield High Speed Railroad project area.

22 (6) One member appointed by the President of the Senate
23 representing community organizations operating within the
24 community surrounding the High Speed Rail Project area in
25 Springfield.

1 (7) One member appointed by the Speaker of the House of
2 Representatives representing a minority chamber of commerce.

3 (8) One member appointed by the President of the Senate who
4 is a minority or female and a licensed professional engineer.

5 (9) One member appointed by the Speaker of the House of
6 Representatives representing the City of Springfield.

7 (10) One member appointed by the President of the Senate
8 representing Sangamon County.

9 (11) One member appointed by the Speaker of the House of
10 Representatives representing a statewide labor organization.

11 (12) One member appointed by the President of the Senate
12 representing the Illinois Department of Transportation.

13 (13) The independent ombudsman for the 10th Street Rail
14 Corridor.

15 Section 20. Commission meetings; authority; reporting. The
16 Commission shall meet quarterly. The Commission shall have the
17 authority to convene City, County, and Department officials to
18 ensure compliance with the above stated goals.

19 On January 1, 2016, and on the first of each quarter
20 thereafter until the completion of the High Speed Rail Project,
21 the Commission shall issue a written report to the Governor,
22 President of the Senate, Speaker of the House of
23 Representatives, Minority Leader of the Senate, Minority
24 Leader of the House of Representatives, Mayor of Springfield,
25 Springfield City Council, Sangamon County Board, and the

1 Department describing in detail the Project's compliance with
2 the requirements of Section 10 of this Act. If in any reporting
3 period any portion of the Project is not in compliance with its
4 respective obligations, each entity that is not in compliance
5 shall, by the end of the first month of the reporting period,
6 file with the Commission a written explanation setting forth
7 the reason or reasons for noncompliance. The Commission shall
8 then meet within one week after receiving the written
9 explanations to discuss the stated reason or reasons for
10 noncompliance.

11 Section 25. Home rule. The requirements of this Act are
12 exclusive powers and functions of the State. This Act is a
13 denial and limitation of home rule powers and functions under
14 subsection (h) of Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois
15 Constitution.

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