

1 AN ACT concerning 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 Youth
5 Unemployment Task Force Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions. As used in this Act:

7 "Department" means the Department of Human Services.

8 "Secretary" means the Secretary of Human Services.

9 "Task Force" means the Youth Unemployment Task Force.

10 Section 10. The Youth Unemployment Task Force.

11 (a) There is hereby created the Youth Unemployment Task
12 Force.

13 (b) The Task Force shall include the following members:

14 (1) the Secretary of Human Services, or his or her
15 designee;

16 (2) the Director of Commerce and Economic
17 Opportunities, or his or designee;

18 (3) a representative of a Chicago-based organization
19 focused on economic, educational, and social programs for
20 African Americans, appointed by the Secretary;

21 (4) a representative of a Chicago-based organization
22 that connects partner communities and member schools to

1 resources to improve outcomes of target populations,
2 appointed by the Secretary; and

3 (5) representatives of other community-based
4 organizations that focus on youth employment initiatives,
5 appointed by the Secretary.

6 (c) The Task Force shall meet to organize and select a
7 chairperson from the non-governmental members of the Task Force
8 upon appointment of a majority of the members. The chairperson
9 shall be elected by a majority vote of the members appointed to
10 the Task Force, and the elected chairperson of the Task Force
11 shall provide technical support and assistance to the Task
12 Force and shall be responsible for administering its operations
13 and ensuring that the requirements of this Act are met.

14 (d) The Task Force may consult with any persons or entities
15 it deems necessary to carry out its purposes.

16 (e) The members of the Task Force shall receive no
17 compensation for serving as members of the Task Force.

18 (f) The Task Force shall examine the State-wide youth
19 unemployment crisis, and its particular effect on young people
20 of color, including recommendations on how to improve
21 employment among young people of color in this State.

22 (g) The Task Force shall submit its findings and
23 recommendations to the General Assembly and the Governor on or
24 before January 1, 2017.

25 Section 15. Repeal. This Act is repealed on January 1,

1 2018.

2 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
3 becoming law.