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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 574

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 574 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Illinois Muslim American Advisory Council Act.

6 Section 5. Findings and declaration of policy. The General
7 Assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares:

8 (a) The State of Illinois is home to over 500,000 Muslims
9 and over 300 mosques, representing various races and
10 ethnicities, including but not limited to African Americans,
11 West and East African Americans, South Asian Americans, Arab
12 Americans, Latin Americans, and Caucasian Americans. They also
13 represent a variety of professions, including but not limited
14 to lawyers, business owners, professors, and community
15 activists.

16 (b) Muslims are the third largest religious group in the

1 State of Illinois after Roman Catholics and independent
2 Evangelical Christians.

3 (c) It is the public policy of the State of Illinois to
4 promote diversity and to ensure inclusion of all religious,
5 racial, and ethnic groups within this State.

6 Section 10. Definitions. As used in this Act:

7 "Council" means the Illinois Muslim American Advisory
8 Council created by this Act.

9 "Muslim" means an individual who practices the religion of
10 Islam.

11 Section 15. The Illinois Muslim American Advisory Council.
12 There is hereby created the Illinois Muslim American Advisory
13 Council. The purpose of the Council is to advise the Governor
14 and the General Assembly on policy issues impacting Muslim
15 Americans and immigrants; to advance the role and civic
16 participation of Muslim Americans in this State; to enhance
17 trade and cooperation between Muslim-majority countries and
18 this State; and to build relationships with and disseminate
19 information to, in cooperation with State agencies, boards, and
20 commissions, Muslim American and immigrant communities across
21 this State.

22 Section 20. Council members.

23 (a) The Council shall consist of 21 members. The Governor

1 shall appoint one member to be the representative of the Office
2 of the Governor. The Governor, the President of the Senate, the
3 Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Minority Leader of
4 the Senate, and the Minority Leader of the House of
5 Representatives shall also each appoint 4 public members to the
6 Council. The Governor shall select the chairperson of the
7 Council, from among the members.

8 (b) Appointing authorities shall ensure, to the maximum
9 extent practicable, that the Council is diverse with respect to
10 race, ethnicity, age, gender, and geography.

11 (c) Appointments to the Council shall be persons of
12 recognized ability and experience in one or more of the
13 following areas: higher education, business, international
14 trade, law, social services, human services, immigration,
15 refugee services, community development, or healthcare.

16 (d) Members of the Council shall serve 2-year terms. A
17 member shall serve until his or her successor shall be
18 appointed. Members of the Council shall not be entitled to
19 compensation for their services as members.

20 (e) The following officials shall serve as ex-officio
21 members: the Deputy Director of the Office of Trade and
22 Investment within the Department of Commerce and Economic
23 Opportunity, or his or her designee, and the Chief of the
24 Bureau of Refugee and Immigrant Services within the Department
25 of Human Services, or his or her designee. In addition, the
26 Department on Aging, the Department of Children and Family

1 Services, the Department of Healthcare and Family Services, the
2 Department of Public Health, the Department of Central
3 Management Services, the Board of Education, the Board of
4 Higher Education, and the Community College Board shall each
5 appoint a liaison to serve as an ex-officio member of the
6 Council.

7 (f) The Council may establish committees that address
8 certain issues, including, but not limited to, communications,
9 economic development, and legislative affairs.

10 (g) The Office of the Governor shall provide administrative
11 and technical support to the Council, including a staff member
12 to serve as ethics officer.

13 Section 25. Meetings. The Council shall meet at least once
14 per month. In addition, the Council may hold up to 2 public
15 hearings annually to assist in the development of policy
16 recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly. All
17 meetings of the Council shall be conducted in accordance with
18 the Open Meetings Act. Eleven members of the Council shall
19 constitute a quorum.

20 Section 30. Reports. The Council shall issue semi-annual
21 reports on its policy recommendations by June 30th and December
22 31st of each year to the Governor and the General Assembly.

23 Section 97. Severability. The provisions of this Act are

1 severable under Section 1.31 of the Statute on Statutes.

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