



100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Entrepreneur-in-Residence Act. Creates the Entrepreneur-in-Residence Pilot Program. Provides for the appointment, term of service, and compensation of entrepreneurs-in-residence. Requires the Director or Secretary of specified State agencies to appoint entrepreneurs-in-residence, and issue a report on the Program to the General Assembly and the Governor by January 1, 2023. Provides for the duties of appointed entrepreneurs-in-residence. Provides that an entrepreneur-in-residence shall report directly to his or her appointing authority. Repeals the Act on January 1, 2025. Defines terms. Effective immediately.

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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 Entrepreneur-in-Residence Act.

6 Section 5. Purpose. The purpose of the Program created
7 under this Act is to strengthen coordination between State
8 government and the private sector on issues relevant to
9 entrepreneurs and small business concerns, and to make State
10 government programs and operations simpler, easier to access,
11 more efficient, and more responsive to the needs of and issues
12 related to small business concerns and entrepreneurs.

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

14 "Appointing authority" means the Governor, the Speaker of
15 the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate, the
16 Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, the Minority
17 Leader of the Senate, or the Director or Secretary of the
18 Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, the
19 Department of Transportation, the Department of Human
20 Services, the Department of Public Health, or the Department of
21 Central Management Services.

22 "Entrepreneur-in-residence" or

1 "entrepreneurs-in-residence" means an individual or
2 individuals appointed to a position under this Act.

3 "Program" means the Entrepreneur-in-Residence Pilot
4 Program.

5 Section 15. The Entrepreneur-in-Residence Pilot Program.

6 (a) Except as provided under subsection (b), as many as 10
7 individuals may be appointed to serve as
8 entrepreneurs-in-residence with State agencies, appointed 2
9 each by the Governor, the Speaker of the House of
10 Representatives, the President of the Senate, the Minority
11 Leader of the House of Representatives, and the Minority Leader
12 of the Senate. These appointees shall have demonstrated success
13 in working with small business concerns and entrepreneurs, or
14 have successfully developed, invented, or created a product and
15 brought that product to the marketplace.
16 Entrepreneurs-in-residence appointed under this subsection (a)
17 shall serve for a period of 2 years. A State agency shall
18 cooperate with any entrepreneur-in-residence appointed to
19 serve it as necessary to facilitate this Program. A person
20 appointed as an entrepreneur-in-residence under this
21 subsection (a) shall not be appointed to one of the State
22 agencies listed in subsection (b).

23 (b) Additionally, the Director or Secretary of the
24 following State agencies shall each appoint one
25 entrepreneur-in-residence for their respective State agency:

1 (1) the Department of Commerce and Economic
2 Opportunity;

3 (2) the Department of Transportation;

4 (3) the Department of Human Services;

5 (4) the Department of Public Health; and

6 (5) the Department of Central Management Services.

7 Entrepreneurs-in-residence appointed under this subsection
8 (b) shall serve for a period of 5 years, beginning January 1,
9 2019 and ending January 1, 2024, and have the same
10 qualifications as appointees under subsection (a).

11 (c) The Director or Secretary of a State agency under
12 subsection (b) shall, by January 1, 2023, issue a report to the
13 General Assembly and the Governor outlining findings and
14 recommendations, including, but not limited to, the successes
15 of the Program, recommendations to improve the Program, and any
16 other information that the Director or Secretary may deem
17 necessary and relevant. For the purposes of this Section,
18 success of the Program shall be measured by the number of
19 interactions, new businesses created, the size of the new
20 businesses, and how the new businesses have grown since their
21 inception.

22 (d) Entrepreneurs-in-residence appointed under this Act
23 shall serve without compensation, but may, at the discretion of
24 the appointing authority, receive reasonable and necessary
25 expenses incurred in the discharge of his or her duties.

26 (e) An entrepreneur-in-residence appointed under this Act

1 shall perform the following duties:

2 (1) assist the State agency in improving outreach to
3 small business concerns and entrepreneurs;

4 (2) provide recommendations on inefficient or
5 duplicative programs;

6 (3) provide recommendations to the appointing
7 authority on methods to improve Program efficiency at the
8 State agency;

9 (4) provide recommendations to the appointing
10 authority on new initiatives that may be instituted at the
11 State agency;

12 (5) facilitate meetings and forums to educate small
13 business concerns and entrepreneurs on programs or
14 initiatives of the State agency;

15 (6) facilitate in-service sessions with employees of
16 the State agency on needs and issues of interest to
17 entrepreneurs and small business concerns; and

18 (7) provide technical assistance or mentorship to
19 small business concerns and entrepreneurs in accessing
20 programs at the State agency.

21 (f) An entrepreneur-in-residence shall report directly to
22 his or her appointing authority.

23 Section 20. Repeal. This Act is repealed on January 1,
24 2025.

25 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon

1 becoming law.