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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

730 ILCS 5/5-8-8

Amends the Unified Code of Corrections. Provides that the Illinois Sentencing Policy Advisory Council shall study and identify discriminatory practices in sentencing across the State and make recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly regarding ways to remedy those discriminatory practices. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning criminal law.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Unified Code of Corrections is amended by
5 changing Section 5-8-8 as follows:

6 (730 ILCS 5/5-8-8)

7 Sec. 5-8-8. Illinois Sentencing Policy Advisory Council.

8 (a) Creation. There is created under the jurisdiction of
9 the Governor the Illinois Sentencing Policy Advisory Council,
10 hereinafter referred to as the Council.

11 (b) Purposes and goals. The purpose of the Council is to
12 review sentencing policies and practices and examine how these
13 policies and practices impact the criminal justice system as a
14 whole in the State of Illinois. In carrying out its duties, the
15 Council shall be mindful of and aim to achieve the purposes of
16 sentencing in Illinois, which are set out in Section 1-1-2 of
17 this Code:

18 (1) prescribe sanctions proportionate to the
19 seriousness of the offenses and permit the recognition of
20 differences in rehabilitation possibilities among
21 individual offenders;

22 (2) forbid and prevent the commission of offenses;

23 (3) prevent arbitrary or oppressive treatment of

1 persons adjudicated offenders or delinquents; and

2 (4) restore offenders to useful citizenship.

3 (c) Council composition.

4 (1) The Council shall consist of the following members:

5 (A) the President of the Senate, or his or her
6 designee;

7 (B) the Minority Leader of the Senate, or his or
8 her designee;

9 (C) the Speaker of the House, or his or her
10 designee;

11 (D) the Minority Leader of the House, or his or her
12 designee;

13 (E) the Governor, or his or her designee;

14 (F) the Attorney General, or his or her designee;

15 (G) two retired judges, who may have been circuit,
16 appellate, or supreme court judges; retired judges
17 shall be selected by the members of the Council
18 designated in clauses (c) (1) (A) through (L);

19 (G-5) (blank);

20 (H) the Cook County State's Attorney, or his or her
21 designee;

22 (I) the Cook County Public Defender, or his or her
23 designee;

24 (J) a State's Attorney not from Cook County,
25 appointed by the State's Attorney's Appellate
26 Prosecutor;

1 (K) the State Appellate Defender, or his or her
2 designee;

3 (L) the Director of the Administrative Office of
4 the Illinois Courts, or his or her designee;

5 (M) a victim of a violent felony or a
6 representative of a crime victims' organization,
7 selected by the members of the Council designated in
8 clauses (c) (1) (A) through (L);

9 (N) a representative of a community-based
10 organization, selected by the members of the Council
11 designated in clauses (c) (1) (A) through (L);

12 (O) a criminal justice academic researcher, to be
13 selected by the members of the Council designated in
14 clauses (c) (1) (A) through (L);

15 (P) a representative of law enforcement from a unit
16 of local government to be selected by the members of
17 the Council designated in clauses (c) (1) (A) through
18 (L);

19 (Q) a sheriff outside of Cook County selected by
20 the members of the Council designated in clauses
21 (c) (1) (A) through (L); and

22 (R) ex-officio members shall include:

23 (i) the Director of Corrections, or his or her
24 designee;

25 (ii) the Chair of the Prisoner Review Board, or
26 his or her designee;

1 (iii) the Director of the Illinois State
2 Police, or his or her designee;

3 (iv) the Director of the Illinois Criminal
4 Justice Information Authority, or his or her
5 designee; and

6 (v) the Cook County Sheriff, or his or her
7 designee.

8 (1.5) The Chair and Vice Chair shall be elected from
9 among its members by a majority of the members of the
10 Council.

11 (2) Members of the Council who serve because of their
12 public office or position, or those who are designated as
13 members by such officials, shall serve only as long as they
14 hold such office or position.

15 (3) Council members shall serve without compensation
16 but shall be reimbursed for travel and per diem expenses
17 incurred in their work for the Council.

18 (4) The Council may exercise any power, perform any
19 function, take any action, or do anything in furtherance of
20 its purposes and goals upon the appointment of a quorum of
21 its members. The term of office of each member of the
22 Council ends on the date of repeal of this amendatory Act
23 of the 96th General Assembly.

24 (5) The Council shall determine the qualifications for
25 and hire the Executive Director.

26 (d) Duties. The Council shall perform, as resources permit,

1 duties including:

2 (1) Collect and analyze information including
3 sentencing data, crime trends, and existing correctional
4 resources to support legislative and executive action
5 affecting the use of correctional resources on the State
6 and local levels.

7 (2) Prepare criminal justice population projections
8 annually, including correctional and community-based
9 supervision populations.

10 (3) Analyze data relevant to proposed sentencing
11 legislation and its effect on current policies or
12 practices, and provide information to support
13 evidence-based sentencing.

14 (4) Ensure that adequate resources and facilities are
15 available for carrying out sentences imposed on offenders
16 and that rational priorities are established for the use of
17 those resources. To do so, the Council shall prepare
18 criminal justice resource statements, identifying the
19 fiscal and practical effects of proposed criminal
20 sentencing legislation, including, but not limited to, the
21 correctional population, court processes, and county or
22 local government resources.

23 (4.5) Study and conduct a thorough analysis of
24 sentencing under Section 5-4.5-110 of this Code. The
25 Sentencing Policy Advisory Council shall provide annual
26 reports to the Governor and General Assembly, including the

1 total number of persons sentenced under Section 5-4.5-110
2 of this Code, the total number of departures from sentences
3 under Section 5-4.5-110 of this Code, and an analysis of
4 trends in sentencing and departures. On or before December
5 31, 2022, the Sentencing Policy Advisory Council shall
6 provide a report to the Governor and General Assembly on
7 the effectiveness of sentencing under Section 5-4.5-110 of
8 this Code, including recommendations on whether sentencing
9 under Section 5-4.5-110 of this Code should be adjusted or
10 continued.

11 (4.6) Study and identify discriminatory practices in
12 sentencing across this State and make recommendations to
13 the Governor and General Assembly regarding ways to remedy
14 those discriminatory practices.

15 (5) Perform such other studies or tasks pertaining to
16 sentencing policies as may be requested by the Governor or
17 the Illinois General Assembly.

18 (6) Perform such other functions as may be required by
19 law or as are necessary to carry out the purposes and goals
20 of the Council prescribed in subsection (b).

21 (7) Publish a report on the trends in sentencing for
22 offenders described in subsection (b-1) of Section 5-4-1 of
23 this Code, the impact of the trends on the prison and
24 probation populations, and any changes in the racial
25 composition of the prison and probation populations that
26 can be attributed to the changes made by adding subsection

1 (b-1) of Section 5-4-1 to this Code by Public Act 99-861.

2 (e) Authority.

3 (1) The Council shall have the power to perform the
4 functions necessary to carry out its duties, purposes and
5 goals under this Act. In so doing, the Council shall
6 utilize information and analysis developed by the Illinois
7 Criminal Justice Information Authority, the Administrative
8 Office of the Illinois Courts, and the Illinois Department
9 of Corrections.

10 (2) Upon request from the Council, each executive
11 agency and department of State and local government shall
12 provide information and records to the Council in the
13 execution of its duties.

14 (f) Report. The Council shall report in writing annually to
15 the General Assembly, the Illinois Supreme Court, and the
16 Governor.

17 (g) (Blank).

18 (Source: P.A. 100-3, eff. 1-1-18; 100-201, eff. 8-18-17;
19 101-279, eff. 8-9-19.)

20 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
21 becoming law.