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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 1547

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 1547 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Commission to End the Disparities Facing the African-American
6 Community Act.

7 Section 5. Commission; creation; members. There is created
8 a Commission to End the Disparities Facing the African-American
9 Community, to consist of members as follows:

10 (1) 2 members of the Senate appointed by the Senate
11 President, one of whom the President shall designate to
12 serve as co-chair, and 2 members of the Senate appointed by
13 the Minority Leader of the Senate;

14 (2) 2 members of the House of Representatives appointed
15 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one of whom
16 the Speaker shall designate to serve as co-chair, and 2

1 members of the House of Representatives appointed by the
2 Minority Leader of the House of Representatives;

3 (3) the following Illinois officials or their
4 designees:

5 (i) the Director of Human Services,

6 (ii) the Director of Healthcare and Family
7 Services,

8 (iii) the Director of Children and Family
9 Services,

10 (iv) the Director of Public Health,

11 (v) the Director of Aging,

12 (vi) the Director of Labor,

13 (vii) the Director of Employment Security,

14 (viii) the Director of Commerce and Economic
15 Opportunity,

16 (ix) the State Superintendent of Education,

17 (x) the Executive Director of the Board of Higher
18 Education,

19 (xi) the Director of Corrections,

20 (xii) the Director of Juvenile Justice, and

21 (xiii) the Executive Director of the Illinois
22 African-American Family Commission; and

23 (4) up to 10 persons, named by the co-chairs,
24 representing African-American communities within Illinois
25 in the areas of healthcare, healthcare services,
26 employment, education, criminal justice, housing, and

1 other interested parties.

2 Section 10. Compensation; support. The members of the
3 Commission shall serve without compensation. The Jane Addams
4 College of Social Work at the University of Illinois at Chicago
5 shall provide staff and administrative support services to the
6 Commission. Other academic, civic, and not-for-profit
7 organizations may be called on to assist as determined by the
8 Commission.

9 Section 15. Meetings; report. The Commission shall:

10 (1) research the disparities facing African-Americans
11 in the areas of healthcare, healthcare services,
12 employment, education, criminal justice, housing, and
13 other social and economic issues;

14 (2) hold one or more public hearings, at which public
15 testimony shall be heard; and

16 (3) report its findings and specific recommendations
17 to the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2013,
18 after which the Commission shall dissolve.

19 Section 95. Repeal. This Act is repealed on July 1, 2014.

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