

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 Commission on Youth Sports Act.

6 Section 5. Commission on Youth Sports; purpose; duties.

7 (a) The Commission on Youth Sports is created.

8 (b) The purpose of the Commission is to gather and
9 evaluate community feedback and make recommendations to the
10 Governor, the General Assembly, and the Department of Human
11 Services concerning the following:

12 (1) the creation of equitable, safe, and sustainable
13 access for youth across this State to participate in
14 sports that meet their skills and match their interests;

15 (2) the expansion and integration of positive youth
16 development in youth sports; and

17 (3) the promotion, development, expansion, hosting,
18 and fostering of youth sports, youth sports programs, and
19 youth sporting events and tournaments throughout this
20 State.

21 (c) The recommendations made by the Commission shall focus
22 generally on the creation, promotion, and encouragement of
23 sports-based youth development. The recommendations reported

1 by the Commission to the Governor, the General Assembly, and
2 the Department of Human Services shall include, but shall not
3 be limited to, the following objectives:

4 (1) to support workshops, trainings, and conferences
5 that promote positive youth development through sport;

6 (2) to connect public, private, local, and State
7 entities to generate funding for youth sports programs and
8 to facilitate the communication of information statewide
9 about youth sports programs and events;

10 (3) to promote the equitable participation of
11 community youth sports programs;

12 (4) to encourage the inclusion and participation of
13 persons with disabilities in youth sports and youth sports
14 programs; and

15 (5) to encourage the inclusion and participation of
16 persons from historically disadvantaged communities in
17 youth sports and youth sports programs.

18 Section 10. Membership.

19 (a) The Commission shall include the following members:

20 (1) one or more member of the Senate appointed by the
21 President of the Senate, subject to the provisions of
22 subsection (b);

23 (2) one or more member of the Senate appointed by the
24 Minority Leader of the Senate, subject to the provisions
25 of subsection (b);

1 (3) one or more member of the House of Representatives
2 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives,
3 subject to the provisions of subsection (b);

4 (4) one or more member of the House of Representatives
5 appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of
6 Representatives, subject to the provisions of subsection
7 (b);

8 (5) one member appointed by the Governor representing
9 the Governor's Office; and

10 (6) the following members appointed by the Governor as
11 follows:

12 (A) 2 people with experience running or coaching a
13 nonprofit organization whose mission is to leverage
14 sport for youth development;

15 (B) 2 people with experience in the development of
16 policies or the funding or evaluation of programs that
17 elevate underserved youth;

18 (C) one person with experience in adaptive sports
19 programming;

20 (D) one person with experience coaching or
21 administering youth sports programs for one or more
22 school sports teams or sports club;

23 (E) one person who is a parent or caregiver of a
24 child who participates in sports programming;

25 (F) one person with experience training coaches in
26 positive youth development; and

1 (G) one representative of a school athletic
2 association in this State or a physical education
3 teacher.

4 (b) More than 4 members of the General Assembly may be
5 appointed to serve on the Commission if the number of members
6 appointed at any time, except in the case of a vacancy, equally
7 represent the majority and minority caucus of each chamber.

8 (c) The Governor shall select the chairperson of the
9 Commission from among the appointed members.

10 Section 15. Terms; meetings; support; expenses.

11 (a) Each member of the Commission shall be appointed for a
12 2-year term and until the member's successor is appointed. The
13 Governor may stagger the members' terms to ensure continuity
14 in the performance of the Commission's responsibilities.

15 (b) The Commission shall meet initially no later than 90
16 days after all of the members of the Commission listed in
17 subsection (a) of Section 10 are appointed, and at least
18 quarterly thereafter, at the times and places in this State
19 that the Commission designates.

20 (c) The Department of Human Services shall provide
21 administrative and other support to the Commission. The
22 Department may designate a third party to provide
23 administrative support in a paid or volunteer capacity. The
24 Department may delay the implementation of this subsection if
25 the Department is unable to find a third party to provide

1 administrative support to the Commission.

2 (d) Members of the Commission shall receive no
3 compensation for their participation, but, subject to
4 appropriation, may be reimbursed by the Department of Human
5 Services for expenses in connection with their participation,
6 including travel, subject to the rules of the appropriate
7 travel control board.

8 Section 20. Reporting. The Commission shall submit a
9 report of its findings, research, and recommendations to the
10 Governor, the General Assembly, and the Department of Human
11 Services on or before December 31, 2025, and each year
12 thereafter.

13 Section 90. Repeal. This Act is repealed on December 31,
14 2028.

15 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
16 becoming law.