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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 1859

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 1859 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Climate Displacement Task Force Act.

6 Section 5. Purpose. The purpose of this Act is to ensure
7 Illinois proactively plans for climate-driven displacement by
8 identifying the projected climate risks and climate-driven
9 displacement and the future resource needs, supporting
10 community resilience, and developing policies in collaboration
11 with residents, advocates, and industry stakeholders. With
12 rising global water levels and more extreme weather events,
13 states like Illinois will see an increase in the number of
14 people relocating to escape these situations, which may
15 include: (i) an influx of people from areas outside of
16 Illinois facing greater threats, which can put strain on

1 existing resources, (ii) increasing impacts on current
2 Illinois residents, which may lead to a need to relocate
3 within Illinois and even within smaller geographies, or (iii)
4 both. The State of Illinois has a responsibility to analyze
5 the State's future needs and to ensure the resilience of
6 resources. As a result, the State of Illinois must adequately
7 prepare to make robust policy suggestions in consultation with
8 residents, advocates, and industry.

9 Section 10. Appointments. Members of the Task Force must
10 be appointed no later than 90 days after the effective date of
11 this Act. If a vacancy occurs on the Task Force, it shall be
12 filled according to the guidelines of the initial appointment.
13 These guidelines may include, but are not limited to,
14 consultation with relevant stakeholders, adherence to
15 diversity and equity principles, and consideration of
16 expertise in climate displacement, expertise in systems and
17 risk assessment, or a combination of expertise in climate
18 displacement and systems and risk assessment. At the
19 discretion of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, additional
20 individuals may be appointed by the Chairperson and
21 Vice-Chairperson as voting members in the meetings of the Task
22 Force, provided they have relevant expertise or experience in
23 addressing climate displacement, building community
24 resilience, or related fields. The qualifications for the
25 appointments under this Section shall be documented and made

1 publicly available by the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.

2 Section 15. Duties. The Climate Displacement Task Force is
3 created to make findings and recommendations regarding climate
4 displacement within this State and to submit 2 reports. The
5 first report shall analyze scientific research and global
6 modeling to accurately assess the level of climate
7 displacement that is projected to happen within the United
8 States and its neighboring countries. The first report shall
9 also delineate the Task Force's findings, conclusions, and
10 recommendations and shall be submitted to the General Assembly
11 no later than June 30, 2026.

12 The second report shall be developed with the information
13 gathered in the first report and shall provide a needs
14 assessment of infrastructure, systems development, and
15 collaboration plans between State agencies to ensure that the
16 State is prepared through 2050 for these upcoming challenges.
17 The second report shall also delineate the Task Force's
18 findings, conclusions, and recommendations and shall be
19 submitted to the General Assembly no later than June 30, 2027.
20 In this Section, "systems development" includes building
21 resilient and adaptable systems across various sectors,
22 including governance, infrastructure, and social services, to
23 proactively address the challenges and impacts of climate
24 change-induced displacement.

25 Once the initial voting members have been appointed, the

1 Task Force shall meet not less than once each month following
2 the effective date of this Act to carry out the duties
3 prescribed in this Act.

4 Section 20. Membership; compensation.

5 (a) The Task Force shall consist of the following voting
6 members:

7 (1) 4 members of the General Assembly:

8 (A) one member, who shall serve as Chairperson,
9 appointed by the Speaker of the House of
10 Representatives;

11 (B) one member, who shall serve as
12 Vice-Chairperson, appointed by the President of the
13 Senate;

14 (C) one member appointed by the Minority Leader of
15 the Senate;

16 (D) one member appointed by the Minority Leader of
17 the House of Representatives;

18 (2) the Director of the Illinois Environmental
19 Protection Agency or the Director's designee;

20 (3) the Director of Public Health or the Director's
21 designee;

22 (4) the Secretary of Human Services or the Secretary's
23 designee;

24 (5) the Secretary of Transportation or the Secretary's
25 designee;

1 (6) the Director of the Illinois Emergency Management
2 Agency and Office of Homeland Security or the Director's
3 designee;

4 (7) the Director of Insurance or the Director's
5 designee;

6 (8) the Chairman of the Illinois Commerce Commission
7 or the Chairman's designee;

8 (9) one representative from labor organizations,
9 appointed by the Governor;

10 (10) one representative from community-based
11 organizations working on affordable housing or
12 transportation or other essential services, appointed by
13 the Governor;

14 (11) one representative from immigrant rights
15 organizations, appointed by the Governor;

16 (12) one representative from environmental justice
17 organizations, appointed by the Governor;

18 (13) 2 representatives of academic institutions with
19 experience in climate change, environmental science, urban
20 planning, or any combination of those 3 fields of study,
21 appointed by the Governor; and

22 (14) any other additional members appointed under
23 Section 10.

24 (b) The members of the Task Force shall serve without
25 compensation.

1 Section 90. Dissolution; repeal. The Task Force is
2 dissolved and this Act is repealed on December 31, 2028.

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