

1 AN ACT concerning safety.

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 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  
17 existing resources, (ii) increasing impacts on current  
18 Illinois residents, which may lead to a need to relocate  
19 within Illinois and even within smaller geographies, or (iii)  
20 both. The State of Illinois has a responsibility to analyze  
21 the State's future needs and to ensure the resilience of  
22 resources. As a result, the State of Illinois must adequately  
23 prepare to make robust policy suggestions in consultation with

1 residents, advocates, and industry.

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

20 Section 15. Duties. The Climate Displacement Task Force is  
21 created to make findings and recommendations regarding climate  
22 displacement within this State and to submit 2 reports. The  
23 first report shall analyze scientific research and global  
24 modeling to accurately assess the level of climate

1 displacement that is projected to happen within the United  
2 States and its neighboring countries. The first report shall  
3 also delineate the Task Force's findings, conclusions, and  
4 recommendations and shall be submitted to the General Assembly  
5 no later than June 30, 2026.

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

19 Once the initial voting members have been appointed, the  
20 Task Force shall meet not less than once each month following  
21 the effective date of this Act to carry out the duties  
22 prescribed in this Act.

23 Section 20. Membership; compensation.

24 (a) The Task Force shall consist of the following voting  
25 members:

1 (1) 4 members of the General Assembly:

2 (A) one member, who shall serve as Chairperson,  
3 appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
4 Representatives;

5 (B) one member, who shall serve as  
6 Vice-Chairperson, appointed by the President of the  
7 Senate;

8 (C) one member appointed by the Minority Leader of  
9 the Senate;

10 (D) one member appointed by the Minority Leader of  
11 the House of Representatives;

12 (2) the Director of the Illinois Environmental  
13 Protection Agency or the Director's designee;

14 (3) the Director of Public Health or the Director's  
15 designee;

16 (4) the Secretary of Human Services or the Secretary's  
17 designee;

18 (5) the Secretary of Transportation or the Secretary's  
19 designee;

20 (6) the Director of the Illinois Emergency Management  
21 Agency and Office of Homeland Security or the Director's  
22 designee;

23 (7) the Director of Insurance or the Director's  
24 designee;

25 (8) the Chairman of the Illinois Commerce Commission  
26 or the Chairman's designee;

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

3           (10) one representative from community-based  
4 organizations working on affordable housing or  
5 transportation or other essential services, appointed by  
6 the Governor;

7           (11) one representative from immigrant rights  
8 organizations, appointed by the Governor;

9           (12) one representative from environmental justice  
10 organizations, appointed by the Governor;

11           (13) 2 representatives of academic institutions with  
12 experience in climate change, environmental science, urban  
13 planning, or any combination of those 3 fields of study,  
14 appointed by the Governor; and

15           (14) any other additional members appointed under  
16 Section 10.

17           (b) The members of the Task Force shall serve without  
18 compensation.

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

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