



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

SB2619

Introduced 2/26/2025, by Sen. Andrew S. Chesney

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Department of Government Efficiency Act. Provides that the Department of Government Efficiency is created to oversee, audit, and recommend improvements to all State agencies' operations, budgets, and practices. Sets forth the membership and powers and duties of the Department, including the power to conduct mandatory annual audits in all State agencies, review and recommend repealing programs or expenditures that prioritize ideology over taxpayer benefits, establish clear key performance indicators for every State agency, consolidate overlapping programs and services, and implement technological solutions to improve transparency and streamline operations. Requires all State agencies to submit initial efficiency plans to the Department of Government Efficiency within 12 months after the Department's establishment. Sets forth provisions concerning findings of the General Assembly, the mission of the Department, implementation of the Act, and reporting. Effective immediately.

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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 Department of Government Efficiency Act.

6 Section 5. Findings. The General Assembly finds that:

7 (1) Illinois has a long-standing reputation for
8 government inefficiency, excessive spending, and wasteful
9 bureaucracy.

10 (2) Illinois ranks among the most corrupt States in
11 the nation, with repeated scandals involving public
12 officials misusing taxpayer dollars for personal or
13 political gain.

14 (3) Illinois taxpayers are burdened by the highest
15 property taxes in the nation, yet face crumbling
16 infrastructure, substandard services, and failing schools.

17 (4) The so-called "woke agenda" has infiltrated
18 government institutions, diverting attention from real
19 issues and forcing taxpayers to foot the bill for radical
20 policies that undermine efficiency, fairness, and
21 merit-based governance.

22 (5) The people of Illinois deserve a government that
23 prioritizes taxpayers over bureaucrats, real results over

1 ideological virtue signaling, and efficient, accountable
2 service over political correctness.

3 (6) Modernizing government operations through
4 technology and efficiency measures has proven effective in
5 reducing costs and enhancing service delivery in both the
6 private and public sectors.

7 (7) Restoring public trust in Illinois government
8 requires bold action to root out waste, fraud, and abuse
9 while demonstrating a commitment to serving the people
10 effectively.

11 (8) Creating a Department of Government Efficiency
12 will restore trust, eliminate waste, and refocus Illinois
13 government on its core mission: serving the people.

14 Section 10. Establishment of the Department of Government
15 Efficiency. The Department of Government Efficiency is created
16 to oversee, audit, and recommend improvements to all State
17 agencies' operations, budgets, and practices.

18 Section 15. Leadership. The Department of Government
19 Efficiency shall consist of 6 voting members as follows:

20 (1) One member appointed by the Governor.

21 (2) One member appointed by the Speaker of the House.

22 (3) One member appointed by the President of the
23 Senate.

24 (4) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the

1 House.

2 (5) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the
3 Senate.

4 (6) One member appointed by the Illinois Legislative
5 Freedom Caucus.

6 Elon Musk, or the Administrator of the United States DOGE
7 Service Temporary Organization, shall serve as an honorary
8 advisory member without voting rights, unless he or she
9 resides in Illinois, and shall provide guidance to ensure
10 Illinois adopts cutting-edge solutions, including
11 technological innovations.

12 Section 20. Mission. The mission of the Department of
13 Government Efficiency is to:

14 (1) ensure all State operations are focused solely on
15 serving the needs of Illinois taxpayers and delivering
16 measurable results;

17 (2) eliminate wasteful programs, streamline services,
18 and hold government agencies accountable for their
19 performance; and

20 (3) defeat the woke mind virus and root out
21 ideological indoctrination and policies driven by radical,
22 partisan agendas that prioritize political correctness
23 over common sense, merit, and efficient governance.

24 Section 25. Powers and duties. The Department of

1 Government Efficiency has the following powers and duties:

2 (1) Conduct mandatory annual audits to eliminate
3 waste, inefficiencies, and radical policies in all State
4 agencies.

5 (2) Review and recommend repealing programs or
6 expenditures that prioritize ideology over taxpayer
7 benefits.

8 (3) Establish clear Key Performance Indicators for
9 every State agency to measure efficiency and
10 effectiveness.

11 (4) Consolidate overlapping programs and services
12 across State agencies.

13 (5) Implement technological solutions to improve
14 transparency and streamline operations, including
15 artificial intelligence and blockchain tools.

16 Section 30. Implementation Timeline.

17 (a) The Department of Government Efficiency shall be
18 operational no later than 3 months after the effective date of
19 this Act.

20 (b) All State agencies must submit initial efficiency
21 plans to the Department of Government Efficiency within 12
22 months after the Department of Government Efficiency's
23 establishment.

24 (c) A report on the progress of the Department of
25 Government Efficiency shall be released by the Department of

1 Government Efficiency 60 days after the completion of the
2 first year of the Department of Government Efficiency's
3 operations.

4 (d) The Department of Government Efficiency shall submit
5 quarterly reports to the General Assembly summarizing
6 achievements, challenges, and recommendations.

7 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
8 becoming law.