



100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB5957

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act
30 ILCS 105/5.886 new

Creates the Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform Act. Provides that the Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform shall consist of 18 voting members. Provides for the appointment of the members. Provides that the Commission shall undertake a review of executive branch State agencies and provide recommendations for improvement. Provides that the Commission shall submit a report to the Governor and the General Assembly. Creates the Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform Fund, which may receive gifts, grants, and donations from any lawful source. Provides that moneys in the Fund shall be used by the Commission exclusively for public purposes. Provides that the Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform shall operate as a 501(c)(4) entity under the federal Internal Revenue Code. Repeals the Act on October 1, 2020. Amends the State Finance Act to create the Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform Fund. 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 Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform Act.

6 Section 5. Definition. As used in this Act, "Commission"
7 means the Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform.

8 Section 10. Commission established; members.

9 (a) The Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform is
10 hereby established.

11 (b) The Commission shall consist of 18 voting members, all
12 from the private sector, appointed as follows:

13 (1) three members appointed by the Speaker of the House
14 of Representatives;

15 (2) three members appointed by the Minority Leader of
16 the House of Representatives;

17 (3) three members appointed by the Senate President;

18 (4) three members appointed by the Minority Leader of
19 the Senate; and

20 (5) six members appointed by the Governor, not more
21 than 4 of whom shall be from the same political party.

22 (c) Vacancies in the Commission shall be filled by the

1 initial appointing authority.

2 (d) The Governor shall designate a Chairperson from among
3 the members of the Commission.

4 (e) Members of the Commission shall serve without
5 compensation.

6 Section 15. Duties of the Commission.

7 (a) The Commission shall:

8 (1) conduct an in-depth review of the operations of
9 executive branch State agencies for the purpose of
10 evaluating potential improvements in agency operations;

11 (2) provide recommendations in the following areas:

12 (A) opportunities for increased efficiency and
13 reduced costs to State government that can be realized
14 by executive action or legislation;

15 (B) opportunities for enhanced managerial
16 accountability and improved administrative control;

17 (C) opportunities for managerial improvements over
18 the short and long term;

19 (D) specific areas where further study could
20 result in potential savings; and

21 (E) specific recommendations concerning
22 governmental expenditures, indebtedness, and personnel
23 management.

24 (b) The Commission shall submit a report to the Governor
25 and the General Assembly no later than October 1, 2019.

1 Section 20. Management office; personnel. The Commission
2 may establish a management office to provide administrative
3 support to the Commission and guide its day-to-day operations.
4 The Commission may hire such personnel as may be necessary to
5 carry out the purposes of this Act.

6 Section 25. Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform
7 Fund; Commission organized as a 501(c)(4) organization.

8 (a) The Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform Fund
9 is hereby established as a special fund in the State treasury.
10 The Fund may receive gifts, grants, and donations from any
11 lawful private or public source. Moneys in the Fund shall be
12 used by the Commission exclusively for public purposes.

13 (b) The Commission shall be funded, staffed, and equipped,
14 to the extent practicable and permitted by law, by the private
15 sector without cost to the State. To accomplish this objective,
16 the Commission shall be organized as a social welfare
17 organization under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue
18 Code in order to allow for tax-advantaged donations to the
19 Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform Fund. The
20 Commission is directed to apply to the Internal Revenue
21 Service, on behalf of the Commission on Fiscal Responsibility
22 and Reform, for a grant of standing for the Commission to
23 operate as a 501(c)(4) entity under the federal Internal
24 Revenue Code.

1 Section 30. Repeal. This Act is repealed on October 1,
2 2020.

3 Section 900. The State Finance Act is amended by adding
4 Section 5.886 as follows:

5 (30 ILCS 105/5.886 new)

6 Sec. 5.886. The Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and
7 Reform Fund. This Section is repealed on October 1, 2020.

8 Section 999. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
9 becoming law.