

1 AN ACT concerning 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 Illinois Legislative Youth Advisory Council Act.

6 Section 5. Definition. For purposes of this Act:

7 "Council" means the Illinois Legislative Youth Advisory
8 Council.

9 Section 10. The Illinois Legislative Youth Advisory
10 Council. For the purpose of facilitating communication between
11 the youth of the State of Illinois and the elected branches of
12 State government regarding the issues, interests, and needs
13 important to youth in the State of Illinois, the Illinois
14 Legislative Youth Advisory Council is created. The Council
15 shall have the powers and responsibilities enumerated in this
16 Act, together with such others as may be conferred upon it by
17 law. The Council shall be an entity created under the
18 legislative branch, and maintained and staffed under the
19 executive branch by the Office of the Governor or an agency
20 designated by the Governor that is under the jurisdiction of
21 the Governor.

1 Section 15. Advisory Board; members; nomination; term of
2 office; vacancies.

3 (a) An Advisory Board shall be created to facilitate the
4 functions of the Council. The Advisory Board shall consist of 2
5 members of the House of Representatives, one each appointed by
6 the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Minority
7 Leader of the House of Representatives; and 2 members of the
8 Senate, one each appointed by the President of the Senate and
9 the Minority Leader of the Senate. The initial term for members
10 of the Advisory Council shall begin on January 1, 2020, or the
11 effective date of this Act, whichever occurs later, and expire
12 on January 11, 2022. Thereafter, the term for members of the
13 Advisory Council shall begin on the Thursday following the
14 second Wednesday of January, and expire after 2 years. On or
15 before September 1, 2019, the Advisory Board shall create an
16 application that shall be used in nominating individuals to be
17 members of the Council. The Advisory Board may, from time to
18 time, modify the application with the consent of the Council.
19 While the Council is in session, the Advisory Board may attend
20 meetings of the Council, and may generally advise the Council.
21 Nothing in this Act shall be construed to entitle Advisory
22 Board members to vote on matters pending before the Council.

23 (b) Each member of the House of Representatives shall
24 nominate one qualified individual that resides in the
25 Representative's legislative district to serve as a member of
26 the Council after receiving and reviewing the individual's

1 application and considering any recommendation made by a member
2 of the Senate. The Representative shall make the nomination on
3 or before October 31 of each calendar year. After making the
4 nomination, the Representative shall, by first class mail,
5 notify the nominated individual by November 15 of the same
6 year. If the Representative is a member of the majority party,
7 the Representative shall notify the Speaker of the House of
8 Representatives of his or her nomination by November 15 of the
9 same year. If the Representative is a member of the minority
10 party, the Representative shall notify the Minority Leader of
11 the House of Representatives of his or her nomination by
12 November 15 of the same year.

13 (c) Upon receiving a nomination, the Speaker of the House
14 of Representatives or the Minority Leader of the House of
15 Representatives, whichever the case may be, shall accept the
16 nomination, except for good cause shown, and appoint the
17 individual to be a member of the Council. Upon appointing the
18 nominated individual, the Speaker of the House of
19 Representatives or the Minority Leader of the House of
20 Representatives, whichever the case may be, shall notify the
21 individual of his or her appointment by first class mail. A
22 nomination shall not be rejected except for good cause shown.
23 If a nomination is rejected, the Speaker of the House of
24 Representatives or the Minority Leader of the House of
25 Representatives, whichever the case may be, shall state in
26 writing the reason or reasons that the nomination was rejected,

1 and transmit the written rejection to the nominated individual
2 and the Senator that nominated the individual. In such a case,
3 the Senator shall nominate another qualified individual within
4 5 days.

5 (d) Each Council member's term shall be for one year. A
6 member shall be allowed to serve more than one term, so long as
7 the member continues to meet the requirements for being a
8 member and is appointed for each term.

9 (e) Any vacancies in the Council shall be filled in the
10 same or substantially the same manner as the original
11 appointment within 30 days after the vacancy.

12 Section 20. Members; qualifications. Each member of the
13 Council shall, during his or her term, be:

14 (1) a resident of this State;

15 (2) older than 16 years of age and younger than 22
16 years of age, except that if a member turns 23 years of age
17 during his or her term, such member shall be allowed to
18 complete the term; and

19 (3) be a student enrolled at a high school, community
20 college, or university in this State, except that if a
21 member graduates from high school or college during his or
22 her term, such member shall be allowed to complete the
23 term.

24 Section 25. Quorum; meetings; committees; leadership

1 responsibilities.

2 (a) A majority of those appointed to the Council shall
3 constitute a quorum.

4 (b) The Council shall convene each year on the Saturday
5 following the second Wednesday of January in the State Capitol,
6 unless the General Assembly is in session. An alternative
7 meeting place shall be selected if one or both chambers cannot
8 accommodate the meeting. At the initial meeting, the Council
9 shall:

10 (1) elect a President, Secretary, Treasurer, and
11 Clerk;

12 (2) adopt rules of procedure;

13 (3) form committees to assist in furthering the goals
14 of the Council, and appoint committee chairs and
15 vice-chairs; and

16 (4) announce the date and location of the next meeting
17 of the Council.

18 (c) The Council shall meet as often as is deemed necessary.
19 For all other meetings and committee meetings, the Council may
20 meet by electronic or telephonic means. Members of the Council
21 shall be excused from school to participate in in-person
22 meetings of the Council.

23 (d) The President of the Council shall:

24 (1) convene, direct, and adjourn meetings of the
25 Council;

26 (2) call for a vote on any matter pending before the

1 Council;

2 (3) transmit Council reports to the General Assembly;

3 and

4 (4) be the official liaison between the Council and
5 General Assembly.

6 (e) The Secretary of the Council shall:

7 (1) serve as Acting President in the President's
8 absence;

9 (2) prepare and distribute agendas of Council meetings
10 to Council members; and

11 (3) keep and maintain the minutes of Council meetings.

12 (f) The Treasurer of the Council shall:

13 (1) report on the funds available in the Illinois
14 Legislative Youth Advisory Council Fund; and

15 (2) serve as the official liaison between the Council
16 and the State Treasurer and the State Comptroller.

17 (g) The Clerk of the Council shall:

18 (1) record the final votes on any measure called for a
19 vote by the President; and

20 (2) transmit the final vote on all measures called for
21 a vote by the President to the Secretary for inclusion in
22 the minutes.

23 (h) The President in transition shall be appointed by the
24 President of the Senate within 14 days after the effective date
25 of this Act. The President in transition shall meet the
26 qualifications set forth in Section 20 of this Act, and shall

1 serve until the second Wednesday of the January following the
2 effective date of this Act. The President in transition shall
3 be responsible for initial outreach and marketing of the
4 Council to the youth of Illinois. The President in transition
5 may use the provisions of Section 35 of this Act to facilitate
6 these duties.

7 (i) The Council may create more leadership positions by
8 rule.

9 Section 30. Powers. The Council may:

10 (1) request the drafting of legislative measures from
11 the Legislative Reference Bureau;

12 (2) provide testimony during any committee meeting of
13 the General Assembly;

14 (3) vote on any matter pending before the General
15 Assembly and inform the General Assembly of the Council's
16 position on the matter;

17 (4) draft reports and advisory opinions to the General
18 Assembly;

19 (5) perform any other activity that may reasonably
20 inform the General Assembly of the Council's position on
21 any issue of relevance; and

22 (6) conduct periodic seminars for members of the
23 Council concerning leadership, government, and the General
24 Assembly.

1 Section 35. Outreach.

2 (a) On or before September 1 of each year, the President of
3 the Council shall notify all high schools, colleges, and
4 universities in this State that the time for applying to become
5 a member of the Council is open, and shall expire on October
6 31. The notice shall include the requirements for membership, a
7 copy of the application, and the name, district address, and
8 district phone number of the Senators near the high school,
9 college, or university.

10 (b) Upon receiving notice that the application period is
11 open, the high school, college, or university shall make
12 reasonable attempts to notify interested students of the
13 Council.

14 (c) To raise awareness about the Council, the Council may:

15 (1) conduct a public awareness campaign;

16 (2) maintain a website; and

17 (3) work with established youth groups to increase
18 awareness.

19 Section 40. Staff support. Staff and administrative
20 support for the Council shall be provided by the Office of the
21 Governor or an agency designated by the Governor that is under
22 the jurisdiction of the Governor. Staff members shall be
23 uncompensated and shall assist the Council in administrative
24 duties.

1 Section 45. Report to the General Assembly and Governor.
2 The Council shall submit an annual report electronically to the
3 General Assembly and the Governor detailing its activities and
4 recommending any proposed legislation.

5 Section 50. Illinois Legislative Youth Advisory Council
6 Fund. The Illinois Legislative Youth Advisory Council Fund is
7 created as a special fund in the State treasury. All moneys in
8 the Fund shall be used to reimburse Council members for actual
9 expenses incurred in traveling to Council meetings, including
10 travel, food, and lodging, and printing the annual report in
11 compliance with Section 45 of this Act. The moneys in the
12 Illinois Legislative Youth Advisory Council Fund are subject to
13 appropriation by the General Assembly. The Illinois
14 Legislative Youth Advisory Council Fund may accept donations
15 and gifts.

16 Section 95. The State Finance Act is amended by adding
17 Section 5.891 as follows:

18 (30 ILCS 105/5.891 new)

19 Sec. 5.891. The Illinois Legislative Youth Advisory
20 Council Fund.

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