



## 102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act  
30 ILCS 105/5.935 new

Creates the Illinois Legislative Youth Advisory Council Act. Provides that the purpose of the Council is to facilitate communication between the youth of the State of Illinois and the elected branches of State government regarding the issues, interests, and needs important to youth in the State of Illinois. Creates an Advisory Board, consisting of 2 members of the House of Representatives, one each appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives; and 2 members of the Senate, one each appointed by the President of the Senate and the Minority Leader of the Senate, to facilitate the functions of the Council. Creates the Transition Oversight Committee for the initial outreach of the Council. Provides for the application and nomination process for prospective members of the Council. Sets forth membership and meeting requirements and the powers of the Council. Provides that members of the Council shall serve 2-year terms, but may be re-elected if they continue to be nominated and qualified to serve as members. Provides for the election of a Chair at the first Council meeting of the year. Provides for administrative support of the Council. Requires the Council to submit an annual report to the General Assembly and the Governor. Creates the Illinois Legislative Youth Advisory Council Fund as a special fund in the State treasury. Provides that all moneys in the Fund shall be used to reimburse Council members for actual expenses incurred in traveling to Council meetings, including travel, food, and lodging, and printing the annual report. Amends the State Finance Act. Adds the Illinois Legislative Youth Advisory Council Fund. Effective immediately.

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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  
5 2 members of the House of Representatives, one each appointed  
6 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the  
7 Minority Leader of the House of Representatives; and 2 members  
8 of the Senate, one each appointed by the President of the  
9 Senate and the Minority Leader of the Senate. The initial term  
10 for members of the Advisory Council shall begin on January 1,  
11 2022, or the effective date of this Act, whichever occurs  
12 later, and expire on January 9, 2024. Thereafter, the term for  
13 members of the Advisory Council shall begin on the Thursday  
14 following the second Wednesday of January, and expire after 2  
15 years. On or before September 1, 2021, the Advisory Board  
16 shall create an application that shall be used in nominating  
17 individuals to be members of the Council. The Advisory Board  
18 may, from time to time, modify the application with the  
19 consent of the Council. While the Council is in session, the  
20 Advisory Board may attend meetings of the Council, and may  
21 generally advise the Council. Nothing in this Act shall be  
22 construed to entitle Advisory Board members to vote on matters  
23 pending before the Council.

24           (b) The Advisory Board shall make nominations for  
25 prospective Council members. After making the nomination, the  
26 Advisory Board shall notify the nominated individuals. Upon

1 appointing the nominated individuals, the Advisory Board shall  
2 notify the individual of his or her appointment. The Advisory  
3 Board shall appoint one member from each congressional  
4 district of the State of Illinois, as well as 2 additional  
5 members-at-large. The 2 at-large members must not reside in  
6 the same congressional district.

7 (c) Each Council member's term shall be for 2 years. A  
8 member shall be allowed to serve more than one term, so long as  
9 the member continues to meet the requirements for being a  
10 member and is appointed for each term.

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

14 Section 20. Transition Oversight Committee.

15 (a) The Transition Oversight Committee is hereby created  
16 for initial outreach and marketing of the Council to the youth  
17 of Illinois as provided under Section 40.

18 (b) The members of the Transition Oversight Committee  
19 shall be appointed by the Advisory Board within 30 days after  
20 the appointment of the Board. The Committee shall be comprised  
21 of 3 members, and the Board shall designate one member as Chair  
22 of the Committee. Members of the Committee shall meet the same  
23 requirements of membership qualifications as members of the  
24 Council, and are responsible for overseeing the initial  
25 implementation of the Council. Members of the Committee may

1 also be appointed to serve on the Council.

2 (c) The members of the Transition Oversight Committee  
3 shall create the bylaws for the functioning of the Council.  
4 These initial bylaws shall be subject to approval by the  
5 Advisory Board and the Council.

6 (d) The Chair of the Transition Oversight Committee shall  
7 preside at the first meeting of the Council with the  
8 assistance of the other 2 members, until the Chair of the  
9 Council is elected.

10 (e) The Transition Oversight Committee shall cease to  
11 exist after the first meeting of the Council.

12 Section 25. 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 30. 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 and shall meet as  
5 often as is deemed necessary. For all other meetings and  
6 committee meetings, the Council may meet by electronic or  
7 telephonic means. Members of the Council shall be excused from  
8 school to participate in in-person meetings of the Council. At  
9 the initial meeting of the Council, the members shall elect  
10 from among their number a Chair, and may create more  
11 leadership positions as deemed necessary by the Council.

12 Section 35. Powers. The Council may:

13 (1) request the drafting of legislative measures from  
14 the Legislative Reference Bureau;

15 (2) provide testimony during any committee meeting of  
16 the General Assembly;

17 (3) vote on any matter pending before the General  
18 Assembly and inform the General Assembly of the Council's  
19 position on the matter;

20 (4) draft reports and advisory opinions to the General  
21 Assembly;

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

25 (6) conduct periodic seminars for members of the

1 Council concerning leadership, government, and the General  
2 Assembly.

3 Section 40. Outreach.

4 (a) On or before September 1 of each year, the Chair of the  
5 Council shall notify all high schools, colleges, and  
6 universities in this State that the time for applying to  
7 become a member of the Council is open, and shall expire on  
8 October 31. The notice shall include the requirements for  
9 membership and a copy of the application.

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 establish a social media  
17 presence;

18 (3) work with established youth groups to increase  
19 awareness; and

20 (4) employ any other means necessary to raise  
21 awareness of the Council's existence and purpose.

22 Section 45. Administrative support. Administrative support  
23 for the Council shall be provided by any State agency under the  
24 jurisdiction of the Governor or as otherwise designated by the

1 Governor. Members of the Council shall not receive  
2 compensation for serving as members, but may be reimbursed for  
3 expenses incurred for traveling to council meetings, food,  
4 lodging, and the printing of the required annual report. The  
5 funds for the travel and administrative costs of the Council  
6 shall come from appropriations to the Governor's office and  
7 the Illinois Legislative Youth Advisory Council Fund  
8 established under Section 55, subject to appropriation.

9 Section 50. Report to the General Assembly and Governor.  
10 The Council shall submit an annual report electronically to  
11 the General Assembly and the Governor detailing its activities  
12 and recommending any proposed legislation.

13 Section 55. Illinois Legislative Youth Advisory Council  
14 Fund. The Illinois Legislative Youth Advisory Council Fund is  
15 created as a special fund in the State treasury. All moneys in  
16 the Fund shall be used to reimburse Council members for actual  
17 expenses incurred in traveling to Council meetings, including  
18 travel, food, and lodging, and printing the annual report in  
19 compliance with Section 50 of this Act. The moneys in the  
20 Illinois Legislative Youth Advisory Council Fund are subject  
21 to appropriation by the General Assembly. The Illinois  
22 Legislative Youth Advisory Council Fund may accept donations  
23 and gifts.



1           Section 95. The State Finance Act is amended by adding  
2           Section 5.935 as follows:

3           (30 ILCS 105/5.935 new)

4           Sec. 5.935. The Illinois Legislative Youth Advisory  
5           Council Fund.

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