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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 1567

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 1567 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Governor's Office of New Americans Act is  
5 amended by changing Sections 5 and 10 as follows:

6 (15 ILCS 55/5)

7 Sec. 5. Governor's Office of New Americans.

8 (a) The Office of New Americans is hereby created in the  
9 Office of the Governor. ~~The Office of New Americans shall~~  
10 ~~maintain and continue to develop on behalf of the people of the~~  
11 ~~State of Illinois a New Americans Immigrant Policy that builds~~  
12 ~~upon the strengths of immigrants, their families, and their~~  
13 ~~institutions, and expedites their journey towards~~  
14 ~~self sufficiency. The policy developed by the Office shall~~  
15 ~~enable State government to more effectively assist immigrants~~  
16 ~~in overcoming barriers to success and shall facilitate host~~

1 ~~communities' ability to capitalize on the assets of their~~  
2 ~~immigrant populations.~~

3 (b) The Governor's Office of New Americans shall have the  
4 following duties:

5 (1) to welcome and support immigrants and refugees in  
6 the State of Illinois;

7 (2) to promote and support immigrant and refugee  
8 integration into the social, cultural, economic, and civic  
9 life of the United States;

10 (3) to ensure access to quality English language  
11 learning programs that support the successful integration  
12 of immigrant adults;

13 (4) to coordinate the efforts of State, federal, and  
14 local entities to support the effective social, economic,  
15 linguistic, and civic integration of immigrants, refugees,  
16 and the children of immigrants and refugees;

17 (5) to provide advice and leadership to the Governor,  
18 members of the General Assembly, and other State  
19 government officials on the challenges and opportunities  
20 facing such entities with respect to immigrant and refugee  
21 integration;

22 (6) to evaluate the scale, quality, and effectiveness  
23 of State initiatives with respect to immigrant and refugee  
24 social and economic integration;

25 (7) to identify the anticipated effects of new State  
26 government policies on integration efforts and provide

1 strategic advice to the Governor on how to address  
2 effects, gaps, and needs created by such policies;

3 (8) to ensure the inclusion of the perspectives of  
4 immigrants and refugees with respect to paragraphs (1)  
5 through (7);

6 (9) to develop a coordinated New Americans Plan for  
7 the State that responds effectively and comprehensively to  
8 immigrant and refugee integration issues, and includes  
9 policy recommendations; and

10 (10) to submit to the Governor and the General  
11 Assembly the New Americans Plan annual report, describing  
12 the activities, accomplishments, and recommendations of  
13 the Office.

14 (c) The Governor's Office of New Americans shall identify  
15 strategic partnerships with State agencies under the  
16 jurisdiction of the Governor in an effort to implement best  
17 practices, policies, and procedures and make recommendations  
18 for statewide policy and administrative changes. The  
19 Governor's Office of New Americans shall also monitor  
20 completion of New Americans Plans at each State agency level.

21 (Source: P.A. 98-467, eff. 1-1-14.)

22 (15 ILCS 55/10)

23 Sec. 10. State agency New Americans Plans ~~New American~~  
24 ~~Plans~~. Each State agency under the jurisdiction of the  
25 Governor shall develop a New American Plan that incorporates

1 effective training and resources, ensures language access and  
2 culturally ~~and linguistically competent~~ and appropriate  
3 services, and includes administrative practices that reach out  
4 to and reflect the needs of the immigrant refugees ~~populations~~  
5 ~~and populations with limited English proficiency~~. Each State  
6 agency under the jurisdiction of the Governor shall integrate  
7 guidance and recommendations made by the Governor's Office of  
8 New Americans statewide plan ~~consider the New Americans~~  
9 ~~Immigrant Policy Council's recommendations in creating the~~  
10 ~~agency's plans~~. Agency plans shall ~~should~~ be submitted to the  
11 Governor's Office of New Americans ~~Governor~~ for approval.

12 (Source: P.A. 98-467, eff. 1-1-14.)".