



102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2021 and 2022

HB5513

Introduced 1/31/2022, by Rep. Edgar Gonzalez, Jr.

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Conditions of Homeless Shelters in Illinois Act. Establishes the Conditions of Homeless Shelters in Illinois Commission. Provides that the Commission shall advise the Governor and the General Assembly on policy issues concerning health conditions in homeless shelters in this State with specified goals. Provides for membership of the Commission. Provides for qualifications for Commission appointees. Provides for member terms. Provides that members shall serve without compensation. Provides that the Office of the Governor shall provide administrative and technical support to the Commission. Provides for meetings of the Commission. Provides for reports of the Commission.

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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 Conditions of Homeless Shelters in Illinois Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions. As used in this Act:

7 "Commission" means the Conditions of Homeless Shelters in
8 Illinois Commission created under this Act.

9 "Health conditions" means conditions that impact the
10 mental, physical, and spiritual condition of an individual.

11 Section 10. The Conditions of Homeless Shelters in
12 Illinois Commission.

13 (a) There is hereby created the Conditions of Homeless
14 Shelters in Illinois Commission.

15 (b) The Commission shall advise the Governor and the
16 General Assembly on policy issues concerning health conditions
17 in homeless shelters in this State, including, but not limited
18 to, the following goals:

19 (1) To identify the key healthcare conditions in
20 Illinois homeless shelters through a process developed by
21 the Commission that allows Commission members to monitor
22 Illinois homeless shelters.

1 (2) To put in place developed processes of monitoring
2 homeless shelters that adequately provide access to
3 Commission members.

4 (3) To create a report that shares the key findings
5 that create problematic health care conditions in Illinois
6 homeless shelters.

7 (4) To create a report that shares the recommendations
8 of policy changes to improve the health conditions of
9 homeless shelters in Illinois.

10 (5) To release the Commission's public report to the
11 Governor, the General Assembly, and the public.

12 (6) To disseminate information and build relationships
13 between community organizations, State agencies, and
14 commissions in furtherance of the Commission's goals under
15 this Act.

16 Section 15. Commission members.

17 (a) The Commission shall consist of the following members:

18 (1) one member who is a representative of the Office
19 of the Governor, appointed by the Governor;

20 (2) five members appointed one each by the Governor,
21 the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of
22 Representatives, the Minority Leader of the Senate, and
23 the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives;

24 (3) one representative of an organization advocating
25 on behalf of homeless persons, appointed by the Governor;

1 (4) one representative of homeless shelters, appointed
2 by the Governor; and

3 (5) one medical professional with expertise on health
4 conditions among the homeless population, appointed by the
5 Governor.

6 (b) The Director of each of the following State agencies
7 or his or her designee shall serve as ex officio members of the
8 Commission: the Department on Aging, the Department of
9 Children and Family Services, the Department of Healthcare and
10 Family Services, the Department of Human Rights, and the
11 Department of Public Health.

12 (c) The Governor shall select the chairperson of the
13 Commission from among the members.

14 (d) Appointing authorities shall ensure, to the maximum
15 extent practicable, that the Commission is diverse with
16 respect to race, ethnicity, age, gender identity, and
17 geography.

18 (e) Appointments to the Commission shall be persons of
19 recognized ability and experience in one or more of the
20 following areas: public policy, healthcare, equity advocacy,
21 social services, and community advocacy and development.

22 (f) Members of the Commission shall serve 2-year terms. A
23 member shall serve until his or her successor is appointed and
24 qualified. Members of the Commission shall not be entitled to
25 compensation for their services as members.

26 (g) The Office of the Governor shall provide

1 administrative and technical support to the Commission.

2 Section 20. Meetings. The Commission shall meet at least
3 once per quarter. In addition, the Commission may hold up to 2
4 public hearings annually to assist in the development of
5 policy recommendations to the Governor and the General
6 Assembly, and implement processes to meet its overall mission
7 goals. All meetings of the Commission shall be conducted in
8 accordance with the Open Meetings Act. A majority of the
9 non-ex officio members of the Commission shall constitute a
10 quorum.

11 Section 25. Reports. The Commission shall electronically
12 issue semi-annual reports on its policy recommendations by
13 June 30 and December 31 of each year to the Governor and the
14 General Assembly. The reports issued to the General Assembly
15 under this Section shall be filed electronically with the
16 General Assembly as provided under Section 3.1 of the General
17 Assembly Organization Act, and shall be provided to any member
18 of the General Assembly upon request.