

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 5. The Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act is
5 amended by adding Section 23 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 3305/23 new)

7 Sec. 23. Access and Functional Needs Advisory Committee.

8 (a) In this Section, "Advisory Committee" means the Access
9 and Functional Needs Advisory Committee.

10 (b) The Access and Functional Needs Advisory Committee is
11 created.

12 (c) The Advisory Committee shall:

13 (1) Coordinate meetings occurring, at a minimum, 6
14 times each year, in addition to emergency meetings called
15 by the chairperson of the Advisory Committee.

16 (2) Research and provide recommendations for
17 identifying and effectively responding to the needs of
18 persons with access and functional needs before, during,
19 and after a disaster using an intersectional lens for
20 equity.

21 (3) Provide recommendations to the Illinois Emergency
22 Management Agency regarding how to ensure that persons
23 with a disability are included in disaster strategies and

1 emergency management plans, including updates and
2 implementation of disaster strategies and emergency
3 management plans.

4 (4) Review and provide recommendations for the
5 Illinois Emergency Management Agency, and all relevant
6 State agencies that are involved in drafting and
7 implementing the Illinois Emergency Operation Plan, to
8 integrate access and functional needs into the Illinois
9 Emergency Operations Plan.

10 (d) The Advisory Committee shall be composed of the
11 Director of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency or his or
12 her designee, the Attorney General or his or her designee, the
13 Secretary of Human Services or his or her designee, the
14 Director on Aging or his or her designee, and the Director of
15 Public Health or his or her designee, together with the
16 following members appointed by the Governor on or before
17 January 1, 2022:

18 (1) Two members, either from a municipal or
19 county-level emergency agency or a local emergency
20 management coordinator.

21 (2) Nine members from the community of persons with a
22 disability who represent persons with different types of
23 disabilities, including, but not limited to, individuals
24 with mobility and physical disabilities, hearing and
25 visual disabilities, deafness or who are hard of hearing,
26 blindness or who have low vision, mental health

1 disabilities, and intellectual or developmental
2 disabilities. Members appointed under this paragraph shall
3 reflect a diversity of age, gender, race, and ethnic
4 background.

5 (3) Four members who represent first responders from
6 different geographical regions around the State.

7 (e) Of those members appointed by the Governor, the
8 initial appointments of 6 members shall be for terms of 2 years
9 and the initial appointments of 5 members shall be for terms of
10 4 years. Thereafter, members shall be appointed for terms of 4
11 years. A member shall serve until his or her successor is
12 appointed and qualified. If a vacancy occurs in the Advisory
13 Committee membership, the vacancy shall be filled in the same
14 manner as the original appointment for the remainder of the
15 unexpired term.

16 (f) After all the members are appointed, and annually
17 thereafter, they shall elect a chairperson from among the
18 members appointed under paragraph (2) of subsection (d).

19 (g) The initial meeting of the Advisory Committee shall be
20 convened by the Director of the Illinois Emergency Management
21 Agency no later than February 1, 2022.

22 (h) Advisory Committee members shall serve without
23 compensation.

24 (i) The Illinois Emergency Management Agency shall provide
25 administrative support to the Advisory Committee.

26 (j) The Advisory Committee shall prepare and deliver a

1 report to the General Assembly, the Governor's Office, and the
2 Illinois Emergency Management Agency by July 1, 2022, and
3 annually thereafter. The report shall include the following:

4 (1) Identification of core emergency management
5 services that need to be updated or changed to ensure the
6 needs of persons with a disability are met, and shall
7 include disaster strategies in the Illinois Emergency
8 Operation Plan.

9 (2) Any proposed changes in State policies, laws,
10 rules, or regulations necessary to fulfill the purposes of
11 this Act.

12 (3) Recommendations on improving the accessibility and
13 effectiveness of disaster and emergency communication.

14 (4) Recommendations on comprehensive training for
15 first responders and other frontline workers when working
16 with persons with a disability during emergency situations
17 or disasters, as defined in Section 4 of the Illinois
18 Emergency Management Agency Act.

19 (5) Any additional recommendations regarding emergency
20 management and persons with a disability that the Advisory
21 Committee deems necessary.

22 (k) The annual report prepared and delivered under
23 subsection (j) shall be annually considered by the Illinois
24 Emergency Management Agency when developing new emergency
25 plans or updating existing emergency plans for the State.

26 (1) The Advisory Committee is dissolved and this Section

1 is repealed on January 1, 2032.

2 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
3 becoming law.