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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 1233

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 1233 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the  
5 Blue-Ribbon Commission on Transportation Infrastructure  
6 Funding and Policy Act.

7 Section 5. Findings. The General Assembly finds the  
8 following:

9 (1) Illinois' transportation system is crucial to  
10 every resident, employee, and business. It serves as the  
11 backbone of the economy and is a critical component of  
12 Illinois' economic competitiveness.

13 (2) The State must continue to pursue an equitable  
14 transportation network in which marginalized communities  
15 have improved access to all modes of transportation,  
16 thereby enhancing access to jobs, housing, and other

1 services.

2 (3) Illinois is home to an expansive transportation  
3 network, currently ranking third in the nation for the  
4 number of roadway miles and bridges, totaling 127,044 and  
5 26,848, respectively. The State also has 6,883 miles of  
6 freight railway, 1,118 inland waterway miles, 58 transit  
7 systems with over 450 million annual transit trips, and 17  
8 major airports.

9 (4) The historic Rebuild Illinois capital plan adopted  
10 in 2019 will end in June 2025.

11 (5) The motor fuel tax and vehicle registration fees  
12 remain the most significant form of transportation funding  
13 for Illinois.

14 (6) Illinois will continue to contend with  
15 transportation funding shortfalls due to increasing  
16 vehicle fuel efficiency and the rising popularity of  
17 electric vehicles.

18 (7) New and innovative funding and policy options are  
19 needed to adequately maintain Illinois' transportation  
20 systems and support future growth.

21 (8) The General Assembly should study these issues to  
22 determine funding mechanisms for transportation projects  
23 and operations in Illinois, policy changes to support the  
24 efficient governance and delivery of transportation  
25 projects, and the workforce needed to support the future  
26 transportation system.

1 Section 10. Commission created.

2 (a) The Blue-Ribbon Commission on Transportation  
3 Infrastructure Funding and Policy is created within the  
4 Department of Transportation consisting of members appointed  
5 as follows:

6 (1) Four members of the House of Representatives, with  
7 2 to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
8 Representatives and 2 to be appointed by the Minority  
9 Leader of the House of Representatives.

10 (2) Four members of the Senate, with 2 to be appointed  
11 by the President of the Senate and 2 to be appointed by the  
12 Minority Leader of the Senate.

13 (3) Eight members appointed by the Governor with the  
14 advice and consent of the Senate.

15 (4) The chair of the Commission to be appointed by the  
16 Governor from among his 8 appointments.

17 (b) Members shall have expertise, knowledge, or experience  
18 in transportation infrastructure development, construction,  
19 workforce, or policy. Members shall also represent a diverse  
20 set of sectors, including the labor, engineering,  
21 construction, transit, active transportation, rail, air, or  
22 other sectors, and shall include participants of the  
23 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program. No more than 2  
24 appointees shall be members of the same sector.

25 (c) Members shall represent geographically diverse regions

1 of the State.

2 (d) Members shall be appointed by May 31, 2022.

3 Section 15. Meetings. The Commission shall hold its first  
4 meeting within 2 months from the effective date of this Act.  
5 The Commission may conduct meetings at such places and at such  
6 times as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to  
7 exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties,  
8 and accomplish its objectives and purposes.

9 Section 20. Duties. The Commission shall evaluate  
10 Illinois' existing transportation infrastructure funding and  
11 policy processes and develop alternative solutions. The  
12 Commission shall:

13 (1) Evaluate current transportation funding in  
14 Illinois, taking into account the viability of existing  
15 revenue sources and funding distributions.

16 (2) Consider new and innovative funding options.

17 (3) Evaluate the existing governance of Illinois'  
18 transportation system, including roles and  
19 responsibilities for the State and county, township, and  
20 municipal governments.

21 (4) Evaluate current and future workforce needs to  
22 design, construct, and manage the state's transportation  
23 system within the Illinois Department of Transportation  
24 and within the State as a whole.

1           (5) Evaluate current and future data needs of the  
2 Illinois Department of Transportation.

3           (6) Consider and recommend steps to expedite project  
4 approval and completion.

5           (7) Consider future trends that will impact the  
6 transportation system, including safety needs, racial  
7 equity, electric vehicles, and climate change.

8           (8) Consider ways to improve transportation investment  
9 impacts on goals such as improving racial equity,  
10 addressing climate change, and increasing economic growth.

11           (9) Consider improvements to the performance-based  
12 programming system.

13           (10) Consider multimodal system needs, including  
14 public transportation, bicycle facilities, railways,  
15 waterways, and airports.

16           (11) Consider alternative solutions employed by other  
17 states.

18           Section 25. Report. The Commission shall direct the  
19 Illinois Department of Transportation to enter into a contract  
20 with a third party to assist the Commission in producing a  
21 document that evaluates the topics under this Act and outline  
22 formal recommendations that can be acted upon by the General  
23 Assembly. The Commission shall report a summary of its  
24 activities and produce a final report of the data, findings,  
25 and recommendations to the General Assembly by January 31,

1 2023. The final report shall include specific, actionable  
2 recommendations for legislation and organizational  
3 adjustments. The final report may include recommendations for  
4 pilot programs to test alternatives. The final report and  
5 recommendations shall also include any minority and individual  
6 views of task force members.

7 Section 30. Repeal. This Commission is dissolved, and this  
8 Act is repealed on February 1, 2023.

9 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
10 becoming law.".