



103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2023 and 2024

HB3215

Introduced 2/17/2023, by Rep. Kevin Schmidt

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act
30 ILCS 105/5.999 new

Creates the Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform Act. Provides that the Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform shall consist of 18 voting members. Provides for the appointment of the members. Provides that the Commission shall undertake a review of executive branch State agencies and provide recommendations for improvement. Provides that the Commission shall submit a report to the Governor and the General Assembly. Creates the Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform Fund, which may receive gifts, grants, and donations from any lawful source. Provides that moneys in the Fund shall be used by the Commission exclusively for public purposes. Provides that the Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform shall operate as a 501(c)(4) entity under the federal Internal Revenue Code. Repeals the Act on October 1, 2024. Amends the State Finance Act to create the Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform Fund. Effective immediately.

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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 Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform Act.

6 Section 5. Definition. As used in this Act, "Commission"
7 means the Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform.

8 Section 10. Commission established; members.

9 (a) The Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform is
10 hereby established.

11 (b) The Commission shall consist of 18 voting members, all
12 from the private sector, appointed as follows:

13 (1) 3 members appointed by the Speaker of the House of
14 Representatives;

15 (2) 3 members appointed by the Minority Leader of the
16 House of Representatives;

17 (3) 3 members appointed by the Senate President;

18 (4) 3 members appointed by the Minority Leader of the
19 Senate; and

20 (5) 6 members appointed by the Governor, not more than
21 4 of whom shall be from the same political party.

22 (c) Vacancies in the Commission shall be filled by the

1 initial appointing authority.

2 (d) The Governor shall designate a Chairperson from among
3 the members of the Commission.

4 (e) Members of the Commission shall serve without
5 compensation.

6 Section 15. Duties of the Commission.

7 (a) The Commission shall:

8 (1) conduct an in-depth review of the operations of
9 executive branch State agencies for the purpose of
10 evaluating potential improvements in agency operations;

11 (2) provide recommendations in the following areas:

12 (A) opportunities for increased efficiency and
13 reduced costs to State government that can be realized
14 by executive action or legislation;

15 (B) opportunities for enhanced managerial
16 accountability and improved administrative control;

17 (C) opportunities for managerial improvements over
18 the short and long term;

19 (D) specific areas where further study could
20 result in potential savings; and

21 (E) specific recommendations concerning
22 governmental expenditures, indebtedness, and personnel
23 management.

24 (b) The Commission shall submit a report to the Governor
25 and the General Assembly no later than October 1, 2022. The

1 report to the General Assembly shall be filed with the Clerk of
2 the House of Representatives and the Secretary of the Senate
3 in electronic form only, in the manner that the Clerk and the
4 Secretary shall direct.

5 Section 20. Management office; personnel. The Commission
6 may establish a management office to provide administrative
7 support to the Commission and guide its day-to-day operations.
8 The Commission may hire such personnel as may be necessary to
9 carry out the purposes of this Act.

10 Section 25. Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform
11 Fund.

12 (a) The Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform
13 Fund is hereby established as a special fund in the State
14 treasury. The Fund may receive gifts, grants, and donations
15 from any lawful private or public source. Moneys in the Fund
16 shall be used by the Commission exclusively for public
17 purposes.

18 (b) The Commission shall be funded, staffed, and equipped,
19 to the extent practicable and permitted by law, by the private
20 sector without cost to the State. To accomplish this
21 objective, the Commission shall be organized as a social
22 welfare organization under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal
23 Revenue Code in order to allow for tax-advantaged donations to
24 the Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform Fund. The

1 Commission is directed to apply to the Internal Revenue
2 Service, on behalf of the Commission on Fiscal Responsibility
3 and Reform, for a grant of standing for the Commission to
4 operate as a 501(c)(4) entity under the federal Internal
5 Revenue Code.

6 Section 30. Repeal. This Act is repealed on October 1,
7 2023.

8 Section 900. The State Finance Act is amended by adding
9 Section 5.999 as follows:

10 (30 ILCS 105/5.999 new)

11 Sec. 5.999. The Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and
12 Reform Fund. This Section is repealed on October 1, 2024.

13 Section 999. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
14 becoming law.