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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 849

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 849 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Blue-Ribbon Commission on Transportation
5 Infrastructure Funding and Policy Act is reenacted and amended
6 by changing Sections 10, 15, 25, and 30 and by adding Section
7 27 as follows:

8 (20 ILCS 4116/Act title)
9 An Act concerning transportation.

10 (20 ILCS 4116/1)

11 Sec. 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
12 Blue-Ribbon Commission on Transportation Infrastructure
13 Funding and Policy Act.

14 (Source: P.A. 102-988, eff. 5-27-22.)

1 (20 ILCS 4116/5)

2 Sec. 5. Findings. The General Assembly finds the
3 following:

4 (1) Illinois' transportation system is crucial to
5 every resident, employee, and business. It serves as the
6 backbone of the economy and is a critical component of
7 Illinois' economic competitiveness.

8 (2) The State must continue to pursue an equitable
9 transportation network in which marginalized communities
10 have improved access to all modes of transportation,
11 thereby enhancing access to jobs, housing, and other
12 services.

13 (3) Illinois is home to an expansive transportation
14 network, currently ranking third in the nation for the
15 number of roadway miles and bridges, totaling 127,044 and
16 26,848, respectively. The State also has 6,883 miles of
17 freight railway, 1,118 inland waterway miles, 58 transit
18 systems with over 450 million annual transit trips, and 17
19 major airports.

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

22 (5) The motor fuel tax and vehicle registration fees
23 remain the most significant form of transportation funding
24 for Illinois.

25 (6) Illinois will continue to contend with
26 transportation funding shortfalls due to increasing

1 vehicle fuel efficiency and the rising popularity of
2 electric vehicles.

3 (7) New and innovative funding and policy options are
4 needed to adequately maintain Illinois' transportation
5 systems and support future growth.

6 (8) The General Assembly should study these issues to
7 determine funding mechanisms for transportation projects
8 and operations in Illinois, policy changes to support the
9 efficient governance and delivery of transportation
10 projects, and the workforce needed to support the future
11 transportation system.

12 (Source: P.A. 102-988, eff. 5-27-22.)

13 (20 ILCS 4116/10)

14 Sec. 10. Commission created.

15 (a) The Blue-Ribbon Commission on Transportation
16 Infrastructure Funding and Policy is created within the
17 Department of Transportation consisting of members appointed
18 as follows:

19 (1) Four members of the House of Representatives, with
20 2 to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
21 Representatives and 2 to be appointed by the Minority
22 Leader of the House of Representatives.

23 (2) Four members of the Senate, with 2 to be appointed
24 by the President of the Senate and 2 to be appointed by the
25 Minority Leader of the Senate.

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

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

5 (b) Members shall have expertise, knowledge, or experience
6 in transportation infrastructure development, construction,
7 workforce, or policy. Members shall also represent a diverse
8 set of sectors, including the labor, engineering,
9 construction, transit, active transportation, rail, air, or
10 other sectors, and shall include participants of the
11 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program. No more than 2
12 appointees shall be members of the same sector.

13 (c) Members shall represent geographically diverse regions
14 of the State.

15 (d) Members shall be appointed by June 30 ~~January 31~~,
16 2023.

17 (Source: P.A. 102-988, eff. 5-27-22; 102-1129, eff. 2-10-23.)

18 (20 ILCS 4116/15)

19 Sec. 15. Meetings. The Commission shall hold its first
20 meeting by July 31 ~~February 15~~, 2023. The Commission may
21 conduct meetings at such places and at such times as it may
22 deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully
23 and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish
24 its objectives and purposes.

25 (Source: P.A. 102-988, eff. 5-27-22; 102-1129, eff. 2-10-23.)

1 (20 ILCS 4116/20)

2 Sec. 20. Duties. The Commission shall evaluate Illinois'
3 existing transportation infrastructure funding and policy
4 processes and develop alternative solutions. The Commission
5 shall:

6 (1) Evaluate current transportation funding in
7 Illinois, taking into account the viability of existing
8 revenue sources and funding distributions.

9 (2) Consider new and innovative funding options.

10 (3) Evaluate the existing governance of Illinois'
11 transportation system, including roles and
12 responsibilities for the State and county, township, and
13 municipal governments.

14 (4) Evaluate current and future workforce needs to
15 design, construct, and manage the state's transportation
16 system within the Illinois Department of Transportation
17 and within the State as a whole.

18 (5) Evaluate current and future data needs of the
19 Illinois Department of Transportation.

20 (6) Consider and recommend steps to expedite project
21 approval and completion.

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

25 (8) Consider ways to improve transportation investment

1 impacts on goals such as improving racial equity,
2 addressing climate change, and increasing economic growth.

3 (9) Consider improvements to the performance-based
4 programming system.

5 (10) Consider multimodal system needs, including
6 public transportation, bicycle facilities, railways,
7 waterways, and airports.

8 (11) Consider alternative solutions employed by other
9 states.

10 (Source: P.A. 102-988, eff. 5-27-22.)

11 (20 ILCS 4116/25)

12 Sec. 25. Report. The Commission shall direct the Illinois
13 Department of Transportation to enter into a contract with a
14 third party to assist the Commission in producing a document
15 that evaluates the topics under this Act and outline formal
16 recommendations that can be acted upon by the General
17 Assembly. The Commission shall report a summary of its
18 activities and produce a final report of the data, findings,
19 and recommendations to the General Assembly by January 1, 2024
20 ~~September 15, 2023~~. The final report shall include specific,
21 actionable recommendations for legislation and organizational
22 adjustments. The final report may include recommendations for
23 pilot programs to test alternatives. The final report and
24 recommendations shall also include any minority and individual
25 views of task force members.

1 (Source: P.A. 102-988, eff. 5-27-22; 102-1129, eff. 2-10-23.)

2 (20 ILCS 4116/27 new)

3 Sec. 27. Continuation of Act; validation.

4 (a) The General Assembly finds and declares that:

5 (1) Public Act 102-1129, which took effect on February
6 10, 2023, changed the repeal date set for the Blue-Ribbon
7 Commission on Transportation Infrastructure Funding and
8 Policy Act from February 1, 2023 to September 30, 2023.

9 (2) The Statute on Statutes sets forth general rules
10 on the repeal of statutes and the construction of multiple
11 amendments, but Section 1 of that Act also states that
12 these rules will not be observed when the result would be
13 "inconsistent with the manifest intent of the General
14 Assembly or repugnant to the context of the statute".

15 (3) This amendatory Act of the 103rd General Assembly
16 manifests the intention of the General Assembly to extend
17 the repeal of the Blue-Ribbon Commission on Transportation
18 Infrastructure Funding and Policy Act and have the
19 Blue-Ribbon Commission on Transportation Infrastructure
20 Funding and Policy Act continue in effect until February
21 1, 2024.

22 (4) The Blue-Ribbon Commission on Transportation
23 Infrastructure Funding and Policy Act was originally
24 enacted to protect, promote, and preserve the general
25 welfare. Any construction of this Act that results in the

1 repeal of this Act on February 1, 2023, would be
2 inconsistent with the manifest intent of the General
3 Assembly and repugnant to the context of the Blue-Ribbon
4 Commission on Transportation Infrastructure Funding and
5 Policy Act.

6 (b) It is hereby declared to have been the intent of the
7 General Assembly that the Blue-Ribbon Commission on
8 Transportation Infrastructure Funding and Policy Act not be
9 subject to repeal on February 1, 2023.

10 (c) The Blue-Ribbon Commission on Transportation
11 Infrastructure Funding and Policy Act shall be deemed to have
12 been in continuous effect since May 27, 2022 (the effective
13 date of Public Act 102-998), and it shall continue to be in
14 effect until it is otherwise lawfully repealed. All previously
15 enacted amendments to the Act taking effect on or after
16 February 1, 2023, are hereby validated.

17 (d) All actions taken in reliance on or pursuant to the
18 Blue-Ribbon Commission on Transportation Infrastructure
19 Funding and Policy Act by any person or entity are hereby
20 validated.

21 (e) In order to ensure the continuing effectiveness of the
22 Blue-Ribbon Commission on Transportation Infrastructure
23 Funding and Policy Act, it is set forth in full and reenacted
24 by this amendatory Act of the 103rd General Assembly. Striking
25 and underscoring are used only to show changes being made to
26 the base text. This reenactment is intended as a continuation

1 of the Act. It is not intended to supersede any amendment to
2 the Act that is enacted by the 103rd General Assembly.

3 (f) The Blue-Ribbon Commission on Transportation
4 Infrastructure Funding and Policy Act applies to all claims,
5 civil actions, and proceedings pending on or filed on or
6 before the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 103rd
7 General Assembly.

8 (20 ILCS 4116/30)

9 Sec. 30. Repeal. This Commission is dissolved, and this
10 Act is repealed, on February 1, 2024 ~~September 30, 2023~~.

11 (Source: P.A. 102-988, eff. 5-27-22; 102-1129, eff. 2-10-23.)

12 (20 ILCS 4116/99)

13 Sec. 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
14 becoming law.

15 (Source: P.A. 102-988, eff. 5-27-22.)

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