



93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 2705/2705-207

Amends the Department of Transportation Law in the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning a regional transportation task force.

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1 AN ACT concerning transportation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Department of Transportation Law of the
5 Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is amended by changing
6 Section 2705-207 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 2705/2705-207)

8 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2005)

9 Sec. 2705-207. Regional Transportation Task Force.

10 (a) The Regional Transportation Task Force is created
11 within the Department of Transportation.

12 (b) The Task Force shall consist of 11 voting members, as
13 follows: 3 members appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall
14 be designated as chair of the task force at the time of
15 appointment; 2 members appointed by the President of the
16 Senate; 2 members appointed by the Senate Minority Leader; 2
17 members appointed by the Speaker of the House of
18 Representatives; and 2 members appointed by the House Minority
19 Leader.

20 The following shall serve, ex officio, as non-voting
21 members: the Secretary of Transportation; one member
22 designated by the Chicago Area Transportation Study (CATS); one
23 member designated by the Northeastern Illinois Planning
24 Commission (NIPC); one member designated by the Regional
25 Transportation Authority (RTA); one member designated by the
26 Illinois State Toll Highway Authority (ISTHA); 2 members of
27 Congress representing Illinois from different political
28 parties, as designated by the Governor; and 4 members
29 designated by the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus.

30 If a vacancy occurs in the task force membership, the
31 vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the initial
32 appointment.

1 (c) The task force may begin to conduct business upon the
2 appointment of a majority of the voting members, including the
3 chair.

4 (d) The task force may adopt bylaws; it must meet at least
5 once each calendar quarter; and it may establish committees and
6 officers as it deems necessary. For purposes of task force
7 meetings, a quorum is 6 voting members. Meetings of the task
8 force are subject to the Open Meetings Act. The task force must
9 afford an opportunity for public comment at each of its
10 meetings.

11 (e) Task force members shall serve without compensation,
12 but may be reimbursed for their reasonable travel expenses from
13 funds available for that purpose. The Department shall provide
14 staff and administrative support services to the task force.
15 The Department and the task force may accept donated services
16 and other resources from registered not-for-profit
17 organizations as may be necessary to complete the work of the
18 task force with minimal expense to the State of Illinois.

19 (f) The task force shall gather information and make
20 recommendations to the Governor and to the General Assembly
21 regarding metro area transportation programs in northeastern
22 Illinois, which includes, without limitation, the counties of
23 Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will. These
24 recommendations must include, without limitation:

25 (1) examining the feasibility of merging CATS, NIPC,
26 RTA, and ISTHA into a single agency;

27 (2) identifying areas where functions of these and
28 other agencies are redundant or unnecessary;

29 (3) identifying methods to promote cost effectiveness,
30 efficiency, and equality in meeting area transportation
31 needs; and

32 (4) examining regional and economic impact as it
33 relates to potential policy implementation.

34 (g) The task force shall submit a report to the Governor
35 and the General Assembly by March 1, 2004 concerning its
36 findings and recommendations.

1 (h) This Section is repealed on January 1, 2005.

2 (Source: P.A. 93-405, eff. 8-1-03.)