

97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2011 and 2012 HB3024

Introduced 2/23/2011, by Rep. David Reis

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Sunshine Commission Act. Provides for the appointment by the legislative leaders of a Sunshine Commission, consisting of 4 legislators and 4 public members, to conduct a thorough review of the relevance, efficiency, and effectiveness of each State executive branch program. Requires the Commission to submit its recommendations to the Governor each month beginning 6 months after the Act's effective date and to submit and post on an Internet website a comprehensive report, including recommendations made to the Governor, within 2 years after the Act's effective date. Requires the General Assembly, by joint resolution, to approve or reject the report within 60 session days after the report is filed. Repeals the Act 3 years after its effective date. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY

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1 AN ACT concerning State government.

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

- Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Sunshine Commission Act.
- 6 Section 5. Commission; members; compensation; 7 organization.
- 8 (a) The Sunshine Commission is created. The Commission
 9 shall consist of 4 members of the General Assembly and 4 public
 10 members. The President and Minority Leader of the Senate and
 11 the Speaker and Minority Leader of the House of Representatives
 12 shall each appoint one of the legislative members and one of
 13 the public members.
 - (b) Each public member shall have professional, private sector experience in the field of banking, finance, or accounting, with at least one public member experienced in each of those fields.

A public member, and any of that member's immediate family, may not have a direct financial relationship with the State, including through current employment, a current elected or appointed position, a current contract, or a contract awarded during the 5 years before that member's appointment. A public member may not have had any public employment or position,

- other than elected office, during the 2 years before that
- 2 member's appointment.
- 3 (c) Members shall receive no compensation for, and shall
- 4 not be reimbursed for their expenses incurred with respect to,
- 5 their membership on the Sunshine Commission.
- 6 (d) The Commission members shall elect 2 of their number to
- 7 serve as co-chairs. The appointing authorities of the co-chairs
- 8 may not be affiliated with the same political party.
- 9 The Commission shall meet at the call of the co-chairs and
- 10 as frequently as necessary to perform its function.
- 11 Section 10. Review of programs. The Commission shall
- 12 conduct a thorough review of each State executive branch
- 13 program with respect to its relevance, efficiency, and
- 14 effectiveness in obtaining the results required by, or
- achieving the goals expressed in, the program's enacting
- 16 legislation.
- 17 The Auditor General and each State executive branch
- 18 official, agency, and department shall cooperate with and
- 19 provide information to the Commission in the Commission's
- 20 performance of the review.
- Beginning 6 months after the effective date of this Act,
- the Commission shall submit on a monthly basis recommendations
- 23 to the Governor concerning any one or more of the following:
- 24 (1) Elimination of obsolete or ineffective programs.
- 25 (2) Consolidation of duplicative programs.

- 1 (3) Steps to improve a program's efficiency or effectiveness.
- 3 Within 2 years after the effective date of this Act, the
- 4 Commission shall submit to the General Assembly and post on an
- 5 Internet website maintained by the State of Illinois a written,
- 6 comprehensive, and detailed report of the Commission's review,
- 7 including without limitation the recommendations that it has
- 8 made to the Governor.
- 9 Section 15. Action upon report. Within 60 session days after the Commission's report is filed with the General 10 11 Assembly, each house must vote upon the same joint resolution 12 to accept the Commission's report. If the resolution is adopted by a record vote of a majority of the members elected in each 1.3 house, the recommendations contained in the Commission's 14 15 report are approved in whole; if the resolution is not so 16 adopted, the recommendations in the Commission's report are rejected in whole. 17
- Section 20. Repeal. This Act is repealed 3 years after its effective date.
- 20 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon 21 becoming law.