96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SB3720

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Work 4 Savings Initiative Act. Requires the Governor to establish a 4-day work week for full-time State employees of agencies under the jurisdiction of the Governor. Requires 10-hour work days. Sets forth exemptions. Assigns duties to the Department of Central Management Services. Contains other provisions.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY

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AN ACT concerning State government.

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

Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Work 4
Savings Initiative Act.

6 Section 5. Findings. The General Assembly finds that State 7 government should strive to become the model employer of 8 qualified people, conserve energy for taxpayers and employees, 9 reduce traffic congestion, provide to the public extended hours 10 of access to government services, and create incentives for the 11 use of the Internet to access State services.

12 Section 10. Internet access to services. The Department of 13 Central Management Services shall work with State agencies to 14 develop incentives for the use of the Internet to access state 15 services.

Section 15. Definitions. As used in this Act, unless the context requires a different meaning:

18 "Department" means the Department of Central Management 19 Services.

20 "Director" means the Director of Central Management21 Services.

1 "State agency" means any authority, board, department,
2 instrumentality, institution, agency, or other unit of State
3 government under the jurisdiction of the Governor.

4 "State employee" means any person who is regularly employed
5 full-time on a salaried basis and whose compensation is
6 payable, no more often than biweekly, in whole or in part, by
7 the State.

8 Section 20. Mandatory 4-day work week program;
9 responsibility of Governor.

10 (a) Implementation of a 4-day work week program is 11 mandatory for all State agencies. The Governor shall, by 12 executive order, direct State agencies to implement the 4-day 13 work week program within such time and manner as directed in 14 the executive order, not to exceed 60 days after the issuance 15 of the executive order.

16 (b) The Governor may rescind the executive order requiring 17 implementation of the 4-day work week program upon specific 18 authorization of the General Assembly by adoption of the same 19 joint resolution.

20 Section 25. Duties of the Department. The Department shall: 21 (1) Establish and implement a program in accordance 22 with this Act that requires State employees to work a 4-day 23 work week consisting of 10-hour days, Monday through 24 Thursday, the impact of which is fiscally neutral and keeps SB3720

State employee annual holiday leave accrual whole. For the purposes of this item (1), federal or State holidays that occur Monday through Thursday of any week shall be counted in that week toward one of the 4 work days.

5 (2) Assist State agency heads in implementing the 6 program established by the Department, including but not 7 limited to ensuring State employees have sufficient 8 opportunity to make adjustments to their personal 9 schedules, such as child or adult care, as appropriate.

10 (3) Establish a toll-free "Work 4 Savings Initiative" 11 telephone hotline and Internet website to provide 12 information to the public about operational hours and 13 online capabilities for State government services.

14 (4) Monitor the impact of the 4-day work week program 15 on (i) cost savings to the State in terms of energy 16 consumption and transportation costs and (ii) recruitment 17 and retention of qualified State employees.

(5) Report annually to the Governor and the General
Assembly on the implementation of the program, including
data on any cost savings to the State and its employees,
and any recommendations to improve the program.

22 Section 30. Exemptions. The provisions of this Act do not 23 apply to:

(1) Public institutions of higher education or other
 State-operated educational facilities and libraries.

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(2) The operation of State lottery games.

2 (3) Public museums and other State-operated cultural3 centers and public parks.

4 (4) Highway maintenance and construction and the
5 operation of traffic control facilities, emergency
6 operation centers, and toll facilities or ferries.

7 (5) Any transportation agency or authority directly
8 engaged in the transport of the public.

9 (6) The Illinois National Guard or its armories as 10 required.

11 (7) The Department of Corrections in the operation of 12 State correctional facilities involving direct interaction 13 with the prison population.

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(8) The Illinois Emergency Management Agency.

15 (9) The Department of State Police, including crime and16 forensic laboratories.

17 (10) Conservation officers of the Department of18 Natural Resources.

(11) State-operated medical centers, hospitals,
 emergency rooms, and health clinics.

(12) The judiciary and those personnel in the Office of
the Attorney General who must interact with the judiciary
on Fridays.

(13) State elected officials, constitutional officers,
and their personal staff with obligations to be available
to the citizens of the State.

1 (14) The Governor and his or her personal staff and 2 agency heads and their personal staff, when the Governor 3 determines their presence is required to conduct official 4 business.

5 (15) Any non-State employee who provides contracted 6 services to any State agency, unless the contract is 7 amended to facilitate the "Work 4 Savings Initiative".

8 (16) Any standing emergency maintenance or information 9 technology response operation designed to repair or 10 correct State infrastructure in support of State 11 operations that must occur on Fridays.

12 (17) Any facility, including utilities, information 13 technology centers, domestic animal or wildlife shelters 14 or hatcheries, and food service storage or processing 15 centers, that requires essential daily maintenance, 16 attendance, or care that otherwise cannot be serviced 17 through emergency response or reduced manning operations.