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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 4689

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 4689 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Regional Planning Act is amended by adding
5 Section 75 as follows:

6 (70 ILCS 1707/75 new)

7 Sec. 75. Northeastern Illinois water governance report.

8 (a) Subject to appropriation, CMAP, in consultation with
9 the Northeastern Illinois Water Governance Advisory Committee
10 created under subsection (d), shall develop and submit to the
11 Governor and General Assembly a report containing a regional
12 planning-level assessment of the sufficiency, management, and
13 governance of water resources and drinking water systems in
14 northeastern Illinois. Additionally, the report shall identify
15 policy options to strengthen long-term water security,
16 reliability, affordability, and coordination within the

1 region.

2 The report may draw upon existing studies, publicly
3 available data, and stakeholder input to identify regional
4 trends, risks, and opportunities related to water supply,
5 infrastructure, and governance. The report shall include the
6 following topics as they pertain to the region as defined in
7 Section 10:

8 (1) water supply needs, including any expected changes
9 to water demand and opportunities to conserve or reuse
10 water;

11 (2) potential climate and environmental risks to water
12 supply and infrastructure in the region;

13 (3) a planning-level assessment of factors affecting
14 redundancy and reliability of water infrastructure in the
15 region, including whether water service can be maintained
16 if infrastructure fails;

17 (4) an assessment of technical, managerial, or
18 financial capacity challenges facing water utilities in
19 the region or any combination of those challenges;

20 (5) regional trends in regulatory compliance and water
21 quality;

22 (6) data, information, and coordination necessary for
23 utilities and State agencies to better understand and
24 manage water resources effectively;

25 (7) recommendations for at least 2 governance or
26 collaboration models that could better address water

1 quality, long-term water security, and water affordability
2 in the region, including case studies of examples from
3 other regions and states; and

4 (8) recommendations on ways State agencies and
5 departments could improve data collection, planning,
6 coordination, and regulation of water in the region.

7 (b) The assessment described in subsection (a) shall be
8 submitted to the General Assembly and Governor within 24
9 months of the date of transfer to CMAP of funds appropriated
10 for the purpose of conducting the assessment.

11 (c) To facilitate the creation of the report described in
12 subsection (a), relevant State agencies, universities, and
13 research institutes, including the Environmental Protection
14 Agency, the Department of Natural Resources, the Department of
15 Public Health, and the Illinois State Water Survey, shall
16 provide relevant data sets, documentation, and information to
17 CMAP upon request, subject to applicable confidentiality
18 requirements and data-sharing restrictions. Such data shall be
19 provided as soon as practicable.

20 In developing the report, CMAP may request information
21 relevant to this Section from public water systems, utilities,
22 and other stakeholders in the region through surveys,
23 interviews, or other outreach methods to better understand
24 system conditions, infrastructure needs, and operational
25 challenges. Participation in the requests shall be voluntary.

26 CMAP shall safeguard data obtained during this process to

1 prevent unauthorized access, use, disclosure, or alteration;
2 meet or exceed applicable federal and State security
3 standards; and ensure data integrity, availability, and
4 confidentiality.

5 (d) The Northeastern Illinois Water Governance Advisory
6 Committee is created. The membership of the Northeastern
7 Illinois Water Governance Advisory Committee shall include,
8 but shall not be limited to:

9 (1) the Director of the Environmental Protection
10 Agency or the Director's designee;

11 (2) the Director of Natural Resources or the
12 Director's designee;

13 (3) the Director of the Illinois State Water Survey or
14 the Director's designee;

15 (4) the Director of Public Health or the Director's
16 designee;

17 (5) the Governor or the Governor's designee;

18 (6) two members who are representatives of
19 municipalities located within Cook County, at least one of
20 which is a member of the south suburban Mayors and
21 Managers Association, appointed by the President of the
22 Cook County Board of Commissioners;

23 (7) one member who is a representative of a
24 municipality located within DuPage County, appointed by
25 the DuPage County Board Chair;

26 (8) one member who is a representative of a

1 municipality located within Will County, appointed by the
2 Will County Board Chair;

3 (9) one member who is a representative of a
4 municipality located within Lake County, appointed by the
5 Lake County Board Chair;

6 (10) one member who is a representative of a
7 municipality located within Kane County, appointed by the
8 Kane County Board Chair;

9 (11) one member who is a representative of a
10 municipality located within Kendall County, appointed by
11 the Kendall County Board Chair;

12 (12) one member who is a representative of a
13 municipality located within McHenry County, appointed by
14 the McHenry County Board Chair;

15 (13) one member who is a representative from the City
16 of Chicago, appointed by the Mayor of the City of Chicago;

17 (14) two members representing water commissions formed
18 under the Water Commission Act of 1985, Municipal Joint
19 Action Water Agencies formed under Section 3.1 of the
20 Intergovernmental Cooperation Act, or regional water
21 commissions formed under Article 11, Division 135.5 of the
22 Illinois Municipal Code, appointed by the Director of
23 CMAP;

24 (15) one member who is a representative from a public
25 utility, as defined in Section 3-105 of the Public
26 Utilities Act, that provides water service in the State of

1 Illinois, appointed by the Director of CMAP;

2 (16) one member who is a representative of the
3 Illinois environmental protection and conservation
4 community, appointed by the Director of CMAP;

5 (17) one member who is a representative from a
6 nonprofit civic organization, appointed by the Director of
7 CMAP;

8 (18) one member who is a representative from organized
9 labor, appointed by the Director of CMAP;

10 (19) one member representing an environmental justice
11 organization, appointed by the Director of CMAP;

12 (20) one member representing a consumer or utility
13 customer advocacy organization, appointed by the Director
14 of CMAP;

15 (21) one expert in the technical, financial, and
16 managerial capacities of water utilities, appointed by the
17 Director of CMAP; and

18 (22) one expert in the management of regional drinking
19 water or wastewater utilities, appointed by the Director
20 of CMAP.

21 (e) Appointments to the Northeastern Illinois Water
22 Governance Advisory Committee shall be made within 90 days
23 after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 104th
24 General Assembly.

25 (f) Members of the Northeastern Illinois Water Governance
26 Advisory Committee shall serve without compensation.

1 (g) The Northeastern Illinois Water Governance Advisory
2 Committee shall be dissolved on the day after submission of
3 the report described in subsection (a) to the General Assembly
4 and Governor.

5 (h) This Section is repealed on December 31, 2030."