

SB1859



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

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Introduced 2/5/2025, by Sen. Graciela Guzmán

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Climate Displacement Task Force Act for the purpose of making recommendations regarding climate displacement within the State. Contains provisions concerning the appointment of members to the Task Force and the duties of the Task Force. Requires the Task Force to submit to the General Assembly an initial report delineating the Task Force's findings, conclusions, and recommendations by no later than June 30, 2026.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning safety.

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

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Climate Displacement Task Force Act.

6 Section 5. Purpose. The purpose of this Act is to ensure
7 Illinois proactively plans for climate-driven displacement by
8 identifying future resource needs, supporting community
9 resilience, and developing policies in collaboration with
10 residents, advocates, and industry stakeholders. With rising
11 global water levels and more extreme weather events, states
12 like Illinois will see an increase in the number of people
13 relocating to escape these situations, which may include: (i)
14 an influx of people from areas outside of Illinois facing
15 greater threats, which can put strain on existing resources,
16 (ii) increasing impacts on current Illinois residents, which
17 may lead to a need to relocate within Illinois and even within
18 smaller geographies, or (iii) both. The State of Illinois has
19 a responsibility to analyze the State's future needs and to
20 ensure the resilience of resources. As a result, the State of
21 Illinois must adequately prepare to make robust policy
22 suggestions in consultation with residents, advocates, and
23 industry.

1 Section 10. Appointments. Members of the Task Force must
2 be appointed no later than 60 days after the effective date of
3 this Act. If a vacancy occurs on the Task Force, it shall be
4 filled according to the guidelines of the initial appointment.
5 These guidelines might include consultation with relevant
6 stakeholders, adherence to diversity and equity principles,
7 and consideration of expertise in climate displacement. At the
8 discretion of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, additional
9 individuals may be appointed as voting members in the meetings
10 of the Task Force, provided they have relevant expertise or
11 experience in addressing climate displacement, building
12 community resilience, or related fields. The qualifications
13 for the appointments shall be documented and made publicly
14 available.

15 Section 15. Duties. The Climate Displacement Task Force is
16 created to make findings and recommendations regarding climate
17 displacement within this State. An initial report delineating
18 the Task Force's findings, conclusions, and recommendations
19 shall be submitted to the Illinois General Assembly no later
20 than June 30, 2026.

21 Once the initial voting members have been appointed, the
22 Task Force shall meet not less than once each quarter
23 following the effective date of this Act to carry out the
24 duties prescribed in this Act.

1 Section 20. Membership. The Task Force shall consist of
2 the following voting members:

3 (1) the Governor or his or her designee;

4 (2) 4 members of the General Assembly,

5 (A) one member, who shall serve as Chairperson,
6 appointed by the Speaker of the House of
7 Representatives;

8 (B) one member, who shall serve as
9 Vice-Chairperson, appointed by the President of the
10 Senate;

11 (C) one member appointed by the Minority Leader of
12 the Senate;

13 (D) one member appointed by the Minority Leader of
14 the House of Representatives;

15 (3) the Director of the Illinois Environmental
16 Protection Agency or the Director's designee;

17 (4) the Director of Public Health or the Director's
18 designee;

19 (5) the Secretary of Human Services or the Secretary's
20 designee;

21 (6) the Secretary of Transportation or the Secretary's
22 designee;

23 (7) the Director of the Illinois Emergency Management
24 Agency and Office of Homeland Security or the Director's
25 designee;

1 (8) 2 representatives from labor organizations,
2 appointed by the Governor;

3 (9) 2 representatives from faith-based organizations,
4 appointed by the Governor;

5 (10) 2 representatives from community-based
6 organizations working on affordable housing or
7 transportation or other essential services, appointed by
8 the Governor;

9 (11) 2 representatives from immigrant rights
10 organizations, appointed by the Governor;

11 (12) 2 representatives from environmental justice
12 organizations, appointed by the Governor;

13 (13) 2 representatives from academic institutions with
14 experience on urban planning, appointed by the Governor;
15 and

16 (14) any other additional members appointed under
17 Section 10.