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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 1859

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 1859 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

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

1 may lead to a need to relocate within Illinois and even within  
2 smaller geographies, or (iii) both. The State of Illinois has  
3 a responsibility to analyze the State's future needs and to  
4 ensure the resilience of resources. As a result, the State of  
5 Illinois must adequately prepare to make robust policy  
6 suggestions in consultation with residents, advocates, and  
7 industry.

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

22 Section 15. Duties. The Climate Displacement Task Force is  
23 created to make findings and recommendations regarding climate  
24 displacement within this State. An initial report delineating

1 the Task Force's findings, conclusions, and recommendations  
2 shall be submitted to the General Assembly no later than June  
3 30, 2026.

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

8 Section 20. Membership. The Task Force shall consist of  
9 the following voting members:

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

11 (2) 4 members of the General Assembly:

12 (A) one member, who shall serve as Chairperson,  
13 appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
14 Representatives;

15 (B) one member, who shall serve as  
16 Vice-Chairperson, appointed by the President of the  
17 Senate;

18 (C) one member appointed by the Minority Leader of  
19 the Senate;

20 (D) one member appointed by the Minority Leader of  
21 the House of Representatives;

22 (3) the Director of the Illinois Environmental  
23 Protection Agency or the Director's designee;

24 (4) the Director of Public Health or the Director's  
25 designee;

1           (5) the Secretary of Human Services or the Secretary's  
2           designee;

3           (6) the Director of the Illinois Emergency Management  
4           Agency and Office of Homeland Security or the Director's  
5           designee;

6           (7) one representative from labor organizations,  
7           appointed by the Governor;

8           (8) one representative from community-based  
9           organizations working on affordable housing or  
10          transportation or other essential services, appointed by  
11          the Governor;

12          (9) one representative from immigrant rights  
13          organizations, appointed by the Governor;

14          (10) one representative from environmental justice  
15          organizations, appointed by the Governor;

16          (11) one representative from academic institutions  
17          with experience in urban planning, appointed by the  
18          Governor; and

19          (12) any other additional members appointed under  
20          Section 10."