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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 1859

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 1859, AS AMENDED,
3 by replacing everything after the enacting clause with the
4 following:

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

7 Section 5. Purpose. The purpose of this Act is to ensure
8 Illinois proactively plans for climate-driven displacement by
9 identifying the projected climate risks and climate-driven
10 displacement and the future resource needs, supporting
11 community resilience, and developing policies in collaboration
12 with residents, advocates, and industry stakeholders. With
13 rising global water levels and more extreme weather events,
14 states like Illinois will see an increase in the number of
15 people relocating to escape these situations, which may
16 include: (i) an influx of people from areas outside of

1 Illinois facing greater threats, which can put strain on
2 existing resources, (ii) increasing impacts on current
3 Illinois residents, which may lead to a need to relocate
4 within Illinois and even within smaller geographies, or (iii)
5 both. The State of Illinois has a responsibility to analyze
6 the State's future needs and to ensure the resilience of
7 resources. As a result, the State of Illinois must adequately
8 prepare to make robust policy suggestions in consultation with
9 residents, advocates, and industry.

10 Section 10. Appointments. Members of the Task Force must
11 be appointed no later than 90 days after the effective date of
12 this Act. If a vacancy occurs on the Task Force, it shall be
13 filled according to the guidelines of the initial appointment.
14 These guidelines may include, but are not limited to,
15 consultation with relevant stakeholders, adherence to
16 diversity and equity principles, and consideration of
17 expertise in climate displacement, expertise in systems and
18 risk assessment, or a combination of expertise in climate
19 displacement and systems and risk assessment. At the
20 discretion of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, additional
21 individuals may be appointed by the Chairperson and
22 Vice-Chairperson as voting members in the meetings of the Task
23 Force, provided they have relevant expertise or experience in
24 addressing climate displacement, building community
25 resilience, or related fields. The qualifications for the

1 appointments under this Section shall be documented and made
2 publicly available by the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.

3 Section 15. Duties. The Climate Displacement Task Force is
4 created to make findings and recommendations regarding climate
5 displacement within this State and to submit 2 reports. The
6 first report shall analyze scientific research and global
7 modeling to accurately assess the level of climate
8 displacement that is projected to happen within the United
9 States and its neighboring countries. The first report shall
10 also delineate the Task Force's findings, conclusions, and
11 recommendations and shall be submitted to the General Assembly
12 no later than June 30, 2026.

13 The second report shall be developed with the information
14 gathered in the first report and shall provide a needs
15 assessment of infrastructure, systems development, and
16 collaboration plans between State agencies to ensure that the
17 State is prepared through 2050 for these upcoming challenges.
18 The second report shall also delineate the Task Force's
19 findings, conclusions, and recommendations and shall be
20 submitted to the General Assembly no later than June 30, 2027.
21 In this Section, "systems development" includes building
22 resilient and adaptable systems across various sectors,
23 including governance, infrastructure, and social services, to
24 proactively address the challenges and impacts of climate
25 change-induced displacement.

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

5 Section 20. Membership. The Task Force shall consist of
6 the following voting members:

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

8 (2) 4 members of the General Assembly:

9 (A) one member, who shall serve as Chairperson,
10 appointed by the Speaker of the House of
11 Representatives;

12 (B) one member, who shall serve as
13 Vice-Chairperson, appointed by the President of the
14 Senate;

15 (C) one member appointed by the Minority Leader of
16 the Senate;

17 (D) one member appointed by the Minority Leader of
18 the House of Representatives;

19 (3) the Director of the Illinois Environmental
20 Protection Agency or the Director's designee;

21 (4) the Director of Public Health or the Director's
22 designee;

23 (5) the Secretary of Human Services or the Secretary's
24 designee;

25 (6) the Secretary of Transportation or the Secretary's

1 designee;

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

5 (8) the Director of Insurance or the Director's
6 designee;

7 (9) the Chairman of the Illinois Commerce Commission
8 or the Chairman's designee;

9 (10) one representative from labor organizations,
10 appointed by the Governor;

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

15 (12) one representative from immigrant rights
16 organizations, appointed by the Governor;

17 (13) one representative from environmental justice
18 organizations, appointed by the Governor;

19 (14) 2 representatives of academic institutions with
20 experience in climate change, environmental science, urban
21 planning, or any combination of those 3 fields of study,
22 appointed by the Governor; and

23 (15) any other additional members appointed under
24 Section 10.

25 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon

1 becoming law.".