1   AN ACT concerning State government.

2   **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**

3   **represented in the General Assembly:**

4   Section 5. The Governor's Office of New Americans Act is

5   amended by changing Sections 5 and 10 as follows:

6   (15 ILCS 55/5)

7   Sec. 5. Governor's Office of New Americans.

8   (a) The Office of New Americans is hereby created in the

9   Office of the Governor. ~~The Office of New Americans shall~~

10   ~~maintain and continue to develop on behalf of the people of the~~

11   ~~State of Illinois a New Americans Immigrant Policy that builds~~

12   ~~upon the strengths of immigrants, their families, and their~~

13   ~~institutions, and expedites their journey towards~~

14   ~~self sufficiency. The policy developed by the Office shall~~

15   ~~enable State government to more effectively assist immigrants~~

16   ~~in overcoming barriers to success and shall facilitate host~~

17   ~~communities' ability to capitalize on the assets of their~~

18   ~~immigrant populations.~~

19   (b) The Governor's Office of New Americans shall have the

20   following duties:

21   (1) to welcome and support immigrants and refugees in

22   the State of Illinois;

23   (2) to promote and support immigrant and refugee

1   integration into the social, cultural, economic, and civic

2   life of the United States;

3   (3) to ensure access to quality English language

4   learning programs that support the successful integration

5   of immigrant adults;

6   (4) to coordinate the efforts of State, federal, and

7   local entities to support the effective social, economic,

8   linguistic, and civic integration of immigrants, refugees,

9   and the children of immigrants and refugees;

10   (5) to provide advice and leadership to the Governor,

11   members of the General Assembly, and other State

12   government officials on the challenges and opportunities

13   facing such entities with respect to immigrant and refugee

14   integration;

15   (6) to evaluate the scale, quality, and effectiveness

16   of State initiatives with respect to immigrant and refugee

17   social and economic integration;

18   (7) to identify the anticipated effects of new State

19   government policies on integration efforts and provide

20   strategic advice to the Governor on how to address

21   effects, gaps, and needs created by such policies;

22   (8) to ensure the inclusion of the perspectives of

23   immigrants and refugees with respect to paragraphs (1)

24   through (7);

25   (9) to develop a coordinated New Americans Plan for

26   the State that responds effectively and comprehensively to

1   immigrant and refugee integration issues, and includes

2   policy recommendations; and

3   (10) to submit to the Governor and the General

4   Assembly the New Americans Plan annual report, describing

5   the activities, accomplishments, and recommendations of

6   the Office.

7   (c) The Governor's Office of New Americans shall identify

8 strategic partnerships with State agencies under the

9 jurisdiction of the Governor in an effort to implement best

10 practices, policies, and procedures and make recommendations

11 for statewide policy and administrative changes. The

12 Governor's Office of New Americans shall also monitor

13 completion of New Americans Plans at each State agency level.

14 (Source: P.A. 98-467, eff. 1-1-14.)

15   (15 ILCS 55/10)

16   Sec. 10. State agency New Americans Plans New American

17 Plans. Each State agency under the jurisdiction of the

18 Governor shall develop a New American Plan that incorporates

19 effective training and resources, ensures language access and

20 culturally and linguistically competent and appropriate

21 services, and includes administrative practices that reach out

22 to and reflect the needs of the immigrant refugees populations

23 and populations with limited English proficiency. Each State

24 agency under the jurisdiction of the Governor shall integrate

25 guidance and recommendations made by the Governor's Office of

1   New Americans statewide plan ~~consider the New Americans~~

2   ~~Immigrant Policy Council's recommendations in creating the~~

3   ~~agency's plans~~. Agency plans shall ~~should~~ be submitted to the

4   Governor's Office of New Americans ~~Governor~~ for approval.

5   (Source: P.A. 98-467, eff. 1-1-14.)