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.

(a) The Office of New Americans is hereby created in the 8 9 Office of the Governor. The Office of New Americans shall maintain and continue to develop on behalf of the people of the 10 State of Illinois a New Americans Immigrant Policy that builds 11 upon the strengths of immigrants, their families, and their 12 institutions, and expedites their journey towards 13 14 self sufficiency. The policy developed by the Office shall enable State government to more effectively assist immigrants 15 in overcoming barriers to success and shall facilitate host 16 communities' ability to capitalize on the assets of their 17 immigrant populations. 18

## 19 (b) The Governor's Office of New Americans shall have the 20 <u>following duties:</u>

# 21 (1) to welcome and support immigrants and refugees in 22 the State of Illinois;

23 (2) to promote and support immigrant and refugee

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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

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1 <u>immigrant and refugee integration issues</u>, 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 completion of New Americans Plans at each State agency level. 13 (Source: P.A. 98-467, eff. 1-1-14.) 14

15 (15 ILCS 55/10)

Sec. 10. State agency New Americans Plans New American 16 Plans. Each State agency under the jurisdiction of the 17 Governor shall develop a New American Plan that incorporates 18 effective training and resources, ensures language access and 19 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 and populations with limited English proficiency. Each State 23 24 agency under the jurisdiction of the Governor shall integrate quidance and recommendations made by the Governor's Office of 25

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- <u>New Americans statewide plan</u> consider the New Americans
  <u>Immigrant Policy Council's recommendations in creating the</u>
- 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.)