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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 579

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 579 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Department of Insurance Law is amended by
5 adding Section 1405-50 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 1405/1405-50 new)

7 Sec. 1405-50. Marketplace Director of the Illinois Health
8 Benefits Exchange. The Governor shall appoint a person within
9 the Department of Insurance to serve as the Marketplace
10 Director of the Illinois Health Benefits Exchange. This person
11 may be an existing employee with other duties. The Marketplace
12 Director shall receive an annual salary as set by the Governor
13 and shall be paid out of the appropriations to the Department.
14 The Marketplace Director shall not be subject to the Personnel
15 Code. The Marketplace Director, under the direction of the
16 Director, shall manage the operations and staff of the

1 Illinois Health Benefits Exchange to ensure optimal exchange
2 performance.

3 Section 10. The State Finance Act is amended by adding
4 Section 5.990 as follows:

5 (30 ILCS 105/5.990 new)

6 Sec. 5.990. The Illinois Health Benefits Exchange Fund.

7 Section 15. The Illinois Procurement Code is amended by
8 changing Section 1-10 as follows:

9 (30 ILCS 500/1-10)

10 Sec. 1-10. Application.

11 (a) This Code applies only to procurements for which
12 bidders, offerors, potential contractors, or contractors were
13 first solicited on or after July 1, 1998. This Code shall not
14 be construed to affect or impair any contract, or any
15 provision of a contract, entered into based on a solicitation
16 prior to the implementation date of this Code as described in
17 Article 99, including, but not limited to, any covenant
18 entered into with respect to any revenue bonds or similar
19 instruments. All procurements for which contracts are
20 solicited between the effective date of Articles 50 and 99 and
21 July 1, 1998 shall be substantially in accordance with this
22 Code and its intent.

1 (b) This Code shall apply regardless of the source of the
2 funds with which the contracts are paid, including federal
3 assistance moneys. This Code shall not apply to:

4 (1) Contracts between the State and its political
5 subdivisions or other governments, or between State
6 governmental bodies, except as specifically provided in
7 this Code.

8 (2) Grants, except for the filing requirements of
9 Section 20-80.

10 (3) Purchase of care, except as provided in Section
11 5-30.6 of the Illinois Public Aid Code and this Section.

12 (4) Hiring of an individual as an employee and not as
13 an independent contractor, whether pursuant to an
14 employment code or policy or by contract directly with
15 that individual.

16 (5) Collective bargaining contracts.

17 (6) Purchase of real estate, except that notice of
18 this type of contract with a value of more than \$25,000
19 must be published in the Procurement Bulletin within 10
20 calendar days after the deed is recorded in the county of
21 jurisdiction. The notice shall identify the real estate
22 purchased, the names of all parties to the contract, the
23 value of the contract, and the effective date of the
24 contract.

25 (7) Contracts necessary to prepare for anticipated
26 litigation, enforcement actions, or investigations,

1 provided that the chief legal counsel to the Governor
2 shall give his or her prior approval when the procuring
3 agency is one subject to the jurisdiction of the Governor,
4 and provided that the chief legal counsel of any other
5 procuring entity subject to this Code shall give his or
6 her prior approval when the procuring entity is not one
7 subject to the jurisdiction of the Governor.

8 (8) (Blank).

9 (9) Procurement expenditures by the Illinois
10 Conservation Foundation when only private funds are used.

11 (10) (Blank).

12 (11) Public-private agreements entered into according
13 to the procurement requirements of Section 20 of the
14 Public-Private Partnerships for Transportation Act and
15 design-build agreements entered into according to the
16 procurement requirements of Section 25 of the
17 Public-Private Partnerships for Transportation Act.

18 (12) (A) Contracts for legal, financial, and other
19 professional and artistic services entered into by the
20 Illinois Finance Authority in which the State of Illinois
21 is not obligated. Such contracts shall be awarded through
22 a competitive process authorized by the members of the
23 Illinois Finance Authority and are subject to Sections
24 5-30, 20-160, 50-13, 50-20, 50-35, and 50-37 of this Code,
25 as well as the final approval by the members of the
26 Illinois Finance Authority of the terms of the contract.

1 (B) Contracts for legal and financial services entered
2 into by the Illinois Housing Development Authority in
3 connection with the issuance of bonds in which the State
4 of Illinois is not obligated. Such contracts shall be
5 awarded through a competitive process authorized by the
6 members of the Illinois Housing Development Authority and
7 are subject to Sections 5-30, 20-160, 50-13, 50-20, 50-35,
8 and 50-37 of this Code, as well as the final approval by
9 the members of the Illinois Housing Development Authority
10 of the terms of the contract.

11 (13) Contracts for services, commodities, and
12 equipment to support the delivery of timely forensic
13 science services in consultation with and subject to the
14 approval of the Chief Procurement Officer as provided in
15 subsection (d) of Section 5-4-3a of the Unified Code of
16 Corrections, except for the requirements of Sections
17 20-60, 20-65, 20-70, and 20-160 and Article 50 of this
18 Code; however, the Chief Procurement Officer may, in
19 writing with justification, waive any certification
20 required under Article 50 of this Code. For any contracts
21 for services which are currently provided by members of a
22 collective bargaining agreement, the applicable terms of
23 the collective bargaining agreement concerning
24 subcontracting shall be followed.

25 On and after January 1, 2019, this paragraph (13),
26 except for this sentence, is inoperative.

1 (14) Contracts for participation expenditures required
2 by a domestic or international trade show or exhibition of
3 an exhibitor, member, or sponsor.

4 (15) Contracts with a railroad or utility that
5 requires the State to reimburse the railroad or utilities
6 for the relocation of utilities for construction or other
7 public purpose. Contracts included within this paragraph
8 (15) shall include, but not be limited to, those
9 associated with: relocations, crossings, installations,
10 and maintenance. For the purposes of this paragraph (15),
11 "railroad" means any form of non-highway ground
12 transportation that runs on rails or electromagnetic
13 guideways and "utility" means: (1) public utilities as
14 defined in Section 3-105 of the Public Utilities Act, (2)
15 telecommunications carriers as defined in Section 13-202
16 of the Public Utilities Act, (3) electric cooperatives as
17 defined in Section 3.4 of the Electric Supplier Act, (4)
18 telephone or telecommunications cooperatives as defined in
19 Section 13-212 of the Public Utilities Act, (5) rural
20 water or waste water systems with 10,000 connections or
21 less, (6) a holder as defined in Section 21-201 of the
22 Public Utilities Act, and (7) municipalities owning or
23 operating utility systems consisting of public utilities
24 as that term is defined in Section 11-117-2 of the
25 Illinois Municipal Code.

26 (16) Procurement expenditures necessary for the

1 Department of Public Health to provide the delivery of
2 timely newborn screening services in accordance with the
3 Newborn Metabolic Screening Act.

4 (17) Procurement expenditures necessary for the
5 Department of Agriculture, the Department of Financial and
6 Professional Regulation, the Department of Human Services,
7 and the Department of Public Health to implement the
8 Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program and Opioid
9 Alternative Pilot Program requirements and ensure access
10 to medical cannabis for patients with debilitating medical
11 conditions in accordance with the Compassionate Use of
12 Medical Cannabis Program Act.

13 (18) This Code does not apply to any procurements
14 necessary for the Department of Agriculture, the
15 Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, the
16 Department of Human Services, the Department of Commerce
17 and Economic Opportunity, and the Department of Public
18 Health to implement the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act if
19 the applicable agency has made a good faith determination
20 that it is necessary and appropriate for the expenditure
21 to fall within this exemption and if the process is
22 conducted in a manner substantially in accordance with the
23 requirements of Sections 20-160, 25-60, 30-22, 50-5,
24 50-10, 50-10.5, 50-12, 50-13, 50-15, 50-20, 50-21, 50-35,
25 50-36, 50-37, 50-38, and 50-50 of this Code; however, for
26 Section 50-35, compliance applies only to contracts or

1 subcontracts over \$100,000. Notice of each contract
2 entered into under this paragraph (18) that is related to
3 the procurement of goods and services identified in
4 paragraph (1) through (9) of this subsection shall be
5 published in the Procurement Bulletin within 14 calendar
6 days after contract execution. The Chief Procurement
7 Officer shall prescribe the form and content of the
8 notice. Each agency shall provide the Chief Procurement
9 Officer, on a monthly basis, in the form and content
10 prescribed by the Chief Procurement Officer, a report of
11 contracts that are related to the procurement of goods and
12 services identified in this subsection. At a minimum, this
13 report shall include the name of the contractor, a
14 description of the supply or service provided, the total
15 amount of the contract, the term of the contract, and the
16 exception to this Code utilized. A copy of any or all of
17 these contracts shall be made available to the Chief
18 Procurement Officer immediately upon request. The Chief
19 Procurement Officer shall submit a report to the Governor
20 and General Assembly no later than November 1 of each year
21 that includes, at a minimum, an annual summary of the
22 monthly information reported to the Chief Procurement
23 Officer. This exemption becomes inoperative 5 years after
24 June 25, 2019 (the effective date of Public Act 101-27).

25 (19) Acquisition of modifications or adjustments,
26 limited to assistive technology devices and assistive

1 technology services, adaptive equipment, repairs, and
2 replacement parts to provide reasonable accommodations (i)
3 that enable a qualified applicant with a disability to
4 complete the job application process and be considered for
5 the position such qualified applicant desires, (ii) that
6 modify or adjust the work environment to enable a
7 qualified current employee with a disability to perform
8 the essential functions of the position held by that
9 employee, (iii) to enable a qualified current employee
10 with a disability to enjoy equal benefits and privileges
11 of employment as are enjoyed by other similarly situated
12 employees without disabilities, and (iv) that allow a
13 customer, client, claimant, or member of the public
14 seeking State services full use and enjoyment of and
15 access to its programs, services, or benefits.

16 For purposes of this paragraph (19):

17 "Assistive technology devices" means any item, piece
18 of equipment, or product system, whether acquired
19 commercially off the shelf, modified, or customized, that
20 is used to increase, maintain, or improve functional
21 capabilities of individuals with disabilities.

22 "Assistive technology services" means any service that
23 directly assists an individual with a disability in
24 selection, acquisition, or use of an assistive technology
25 device.

26 "Qualified" has the same meaning and use as provided

1 under the federal Americans with Disabilities Act when
2 describing an individual with a disability.

3 (20) Procurement expenditures necessary for the
4 Illinois Commerce Commission to hire third-party
5 facilitators pursuant to Sections 16-105.17 and 16-108.18
6 of the Public Utilities Act or an ombudsman pursuant to
7 Section 16-107.5 of the Public Utilities Act, a
8 facilitator pursuant to Section 16-105.17 of the Public
9 Utilities Act, or a grid auditor pursuant to Section
10 16-105.10 of the Public Utilities Act.

11 (21) Procurement expenditures for the purchase,
12 renewal, and expansion of software, software licenses, or
13 software maintenance agreements that support the efforts
14 of the Illinois State Police to enforce, regulate, and
15 administer the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act, the
16 Firearm Concealed Carry Act, the Firearms Restraining
17 Order Act, the Firearm Dealer License Certification Act,
18 the Law Enforcement Agencies Data System (LEADS), the
19 Uniform Crime Reporting Act, the Criminal Identification
20 Act, the Uniform Conviction Information Act, and the Gun
21 Trafficking Information Act, or establish or maintain
22 record management systems necessary to conduct human
23 trafficking investigations or gun trafficking or other
24 stolen firearm investigations. This paragraph (21) applies
25 to contracts entered into on or after the effective date
26 of this amendatory Act of the 102nd General Assembly and

1 the renewal of contracts that are in effect on the
2 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 102nd General
3 Assembly.

4 (22) Procurements necessary for the Department of
5 Insurance to implement the Illinois Health Benefits
6 Exchange Law if the Department of Insurance has made a
7 good faith determination that it is necessary and
8 appropriate for the expenditure to fall within this
9 exemption. The procurement process shall be conducted in a
10 manner substantially in accordance with the requirements
11 of Sections 20-160 and 25-60 and Article 50 of this Code. A
12 copy of these contracts shall be made available to the
13 Chief Procurement Officer immediately upon request. This
14 paragraph is inoperative 5 years after the effective date
15 of this amendatory Act of the 103rd General Assembly.

16 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for contracts
17 with an annual value of more than \$100,000 entered into on or
18 after October 1, 2017 under an exemption provided in any
19 paragraph of this subsection (b), except paragraph (1), (2),
20 or (5), each State agency shall post to the appropriate
21 procurement bulletin the name of the contractor, a description
22 of the supply or service provided, the total amount of the
23 contract, the term of the contract, and the exception to the
24 Code utilized. The chief procurement officer shall submit a
25 report to the Governor and General Assembly no later than
26 November 1 of each year that shall include, at a minimum, an

1 annual summary of the monthly information reported to the
2 chief procurement officer.

3 (c) This Code does not apply to the electric power
4 procurement process provided for under Section 1-75 of the
5 Illinois Power Agency Act and Section 16-111.5 of the Public
6 Utilities Act.

7 (d) Except for Section 20-160 and Article 50 of this Code,
8 and as expressly required by Section 9.1 of the Illinois
9 Lottery Law, the provisions of this Code do not apply to the
10 procurement process provided for under Section 9.1 of the
11 Illinois Lottery Law.

12 (e) This Code does not apply to the process used by the
13 Capital Development Board to retain a person or entity to
14 assist the Capital Development Board with its duties related
15 to the determination of costs of a clean coal SNG brownfield
16 facility, as defined by Section 1-10 of the Illinois Power
17 Agency Act, as required in subsection (h-3) of Section 9-220
18 of the Public Utilities Act, including calculating the range
19 of capital costs, the range of operating and maintenance
20 costs, or the sequestration costs or monitoring the
21 construction of clean coal SNG brownfield facility for the
22 full duration of construction.

23 (f) (Blank).

24 (g) (Blank).

25 (h) This Code does not apply to the process to procure or
26 contracts entered into in accordance with Sections 11-5.2 and

1 11-5.3 of the Illinois Public Aid Code.

2 (i) Each chief procurement officer may access records
3 necessary to review whether a contract, purchase, or other
4 expenditure is or is not subject to the provisions of this
5 Code, unless such records would be subject to attorney-client
6 privilege.

7 (j) This Code does not apply to the process used by the
8 Capital Development Board to retain an artist or work or works
9 of art as required in Section 14 of the Capital Development
10 Board Act.

11 (k) This Code does not apply to the process to procure
12 contracts, or contracts entered into, by the State Board of
13 Elections or the State Electoral Board for hearing officers
14 appointed pursuant to the Election Code.

15 (l) This Code does not apply to the processes used by the
16 Illinois Student Assistance Commission to procure supplies and
17 services paid for from the private funds of the Illinois
18 Prepaid Tuition Fund. As used in this subsection (l), "private
19 funds" means funds derived from deposits paid into the
20 Illinois Prepaid Tuition Trust Fund and the earnings thereon.

21 (m) This Code shall apply regardless of the source of
22 funds with which contracts are paid, including federal
23 assistance moneys. Except as specifically provided in this
24 Code, this Code shall not apply to procurement expenditures
25 necessary for the Department of Public Health to conduct the
26 Healthy Illinois Survey in accordance with Section 2310-431 of

1 the Department of Public Health Powers and Duties Law of the
2 Civil Administrative Code of Illinois.

3 (Source: P.A. 101-27, eff. 6-25-19; 101-81, eff. 7-12-19;
4 101-363, eff. 8-9-19; 102-175, eff. 7-29-21; 102-483, eff
5 1-1-22; 102-558, eff. 8-20-21; 102-600, eff. 8-27-21; 102-662,
6 eff. 9-15-21; 102-721, eff. 1-1-23; 102-813, eff. 5-13-22;
7 102-1116, eff. 1-10-23.)

8 Section 20. The Illinois Health Benefits Exchange Law is
9 amended by changing Section 5-5 and by adding Sections 5-21,
10 5-22, 5-23, and 5-24 as follows:

11 (215 ILCS 122/5-5)

12 Sec. 5-5. State health benefits exchange. It is declared
13 that this State, beginning October 1, 2013, in accordance with
14 Section 1311 of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable
15 Care Act, shall establish a State health benefits exchange to
16 be known as the Illinois Health Benefits Exchange in order to
17 help individuals and small employers with no more than 50
18 employees shop for, select, and enroll in qualified,
19 affordable private health plans that fit their needs at
20 competitive prices. The Exchange shall separate coverage pools
21 for individuals and small employers and shall supplement and
22 not supplant any existing private health insurance market for
23 individuals and small employers. The Department of Insurance
24 shall operate the Illinois Health Benefits Exchange as a

1 State-based exchange using the federal platform by plan year
2 2025 and as a State-based exchange by plan year 2026. The
3 Director of Insurance may require that all plans in the
4 individual and small group markets, other than grandfathered
5 health plans, be made available for comparison on the Illinois
6 Health Benefits Exchange, but may not require that all plans
7 in the individual and small group markets be purchased
8 exclusively on the Illinois Health Benefits Exchange. The
9 Director of Insurance may require that plans offered on the
10 exchange conform with standardized plan designs that provide
11 for standardized cost sharing for covered health services.
12 Except when it is inconsistent with State law, the Department
13 of Insurance shall enforce the coverage requirements under the
14 federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, including
15 the coverage of all United States Preventive Services Task
16 Force Grade A and B preventive services without cost sharing
17 notwithstanding any federal overturning or repeal of 42 U.S.C.
18 300gg-13(a)(1), that apply to the individual and small group
19 markets. The Director of Insurance may elect to add a small
20 business health options program to the Illinois Health
21 Benefits Exchange to help small employers enroll their
22 employees in qualified health plans in the small group market.
23 The General Assembly shall appropriate funds to establish the
24 Illinois Health Benefits Exchange.

25 (Source: P.A. 97-142, eff. 7-14-11.)

1 (215 ILCS 122/5-21 new)

2 Sec. 5-21. Monthly assessments.

3 (a) The Director of Insurance may apply a monthly
4 assessment to each health benefits plan sold on the Illinois
5 Health Benefits Exchange. The assessment shall be paid by the
6 issuer and to the Department of Insurance and shall be used
7 only for the purpose of supporting the exchange through
8 exchange operations, outreach, enrollment, and other means of
9 supporting the exchange, including any efforts that may result
10 in a benefit to policyholders. The assessment may be applied
11 at a rate of:

12 (1) 0.5% of the total monthly premium charged by an
13 issuer for each health benefits plan during any period
14 that the State is on a State-based exchange using the
15 federal platform; or

16 (2) 2.75% of the total monthly premium charged by an
17 issuer for each health benefits plan during any period
18 that the State is on the State-based exchange. The
19 Director of Insurance shall adjust this rate to ensure
20 that the Illinois Health Benefits Exchange is fully
21 funded, but in no case shall the assessment be applied at a
22 rate that exceeds 4% of the total monthly premium charged
23 by a carrier. If the Director determines it is necessary
24 to adjust the rate pursuant to this paragraph, the
25 Director shall, in advance of the adjustment, post on the
26 Department's website a report describing the reasons and

1 justifications for the adjustment, which shall be
2 consistent with the purposes of supporting the Illinois
3 Health Benefits Exchange as provided in this Section, at
4 least 120 days before the implementation of the rate
5 adjustment.

6 (b) The Director of Insurance shall notify an issuer 120
7 days before the implementation of its assessment rate for the
8 subsequent year. Issuers must remit the assessment due in
9 monthly installments to the Department of Insurance.

10 (c) The assessment described in this Section shall be
11 considered a special purpose obligation and may not be applied
12 by issuers to vary premium rates at the plan level.

13 (d) There is created a special fund within the State
14 treasury to be known as the Illinois Health Benefits Exchange
15 Fund. The Illinois Health Benefits Exchange Fund shall be the
16 repository for moneys collected pursuant to fees or
17 assessments on exchange issuers, federal financial
18 participation as appropriate, and other moneys received as
19 grants or otherwise appropriated for the purposes of
20 supporting health insurance outreach, enrollment efforts, and
21 plan management operations through an exchange. All moneys in
22 the Fund shall be used, subject to appropriation, only for the
23 purpose of supporting the exchange through exchange
24 operations, outreach, enrollment, and other means of
25 supporting the exchange, including any efforts that may result
26 in a benefit to policyholders.

1 (215 ILCS 122/5-22 new)

2 Sec. 5-22. State medical assistance program coordination.

3 (a) The Department of Insurance and the Department of
4 Healthcare and Family Services shall coordinate the operations
5 of the exchange with the operations of State medical
6 assistance programs. The Department of Healthcare and Family
7 Services shall oversee and operate the exchange eligibility
8 rules engine to ensure accurate assessments and determinations
9 of exchange and State medical assistance program eligibility.

10 (b) The exchange may determine eligibility for State
11 medical assistance programs that use the modified adjusted
12 gross income methodology.

13 (c) The exchange may be used for enrollment into State
14 medical assistance program health plans.

15 (d) The Department of Healthcare and Family Services shall
16 request federal financial participation funds from the Centers
17 for Medicare and Medicaid Services for any integrated
18 eligibility and enrollment functions of the exchange.

19 (215 ILCS 122/5-23 new)

20 Sec. 5-23. Department of Insurance and Department of
21 Healthcare and Family Services authority.

22 (a) The Department of Insurance and the Department of
23 Healthcare and Family Services, in addition to the powers
24 granted under the Illinois Insurance Code and the Illinois

1 Public Aid Code, have the power necessary to establish and
2 operate the Illinois Health Benefits Exchange, including, but
3 not limited to, the authority to:

4 (1) adopt rules deemed necessary by the departments to
5 implement this Law;

6 (2) employ or retain sufficient personnel to provide
7 administration, staffing, and necessary related support
8 required to adequately discharge the duties described in
9 this Law from funds held in the Illinois Health Benefits
10 Exchange Fund;

11 (3) procure services, including a call center, and
12 goods for the purpose of establishing the Illinois Health
13 Benefits Exchange, including, but not limited to,
14 procurements in conformance with paragraph (22) of
15 subsection (b) of Section 1-10 of the Illinois Procurement
16 Code; and

17 (4) require any exchange vendor to have experience
18 operating a State-based exchange in another state.

19 (b) The Department of Insurance has the authority to
20 employ a Marketplace Director of the Illinois Health Benefits
21 Exchange.

22 (215 ILCS 122/5-24 new)

23 Sec. 5-24. Illinois Health Benefits Exchange Advisory
24 Committee.

25 (a) The Director of Insurance shall establish the Illinois

1 Health Benefits Exchange Advisory Committee no later than
2 December 31, 2023. The Illinois Health Benefits Exchange
3 Advisory Committee shall be tasked with making recommendations
4 to the Marketplace Director of the Illinois Health Benefits
5 Exchange concerning the operation of the exchange, and the
6 Committee shall hold its first meeting no later than 90 days
7 following the establishment of the Committee and shall meet
8 quarterly thereafter. The Marketplace Director shall make a
9 quarterly report to the Committee.

10 (b) The Department of Insurance shall present regular and
11 timely reports to the Illinois Health Benefits Exchange
12 Advisory Committee regarding the progress in the development
13 and ongoing operations of the Illinois Health Benefits
14 Exchange before its establishment by plan year 2026. The
15 reports shall be posted to the Department of Insurance's
16 website and include information on the Department of
17 Insurance's progress toward establishing and maintaining the
18 Illinois Health Benefits Exchange with the goal of ensuring an
19 effective and efficient transition from the federal platform
20 to the State-based exchange for individuals, employers, and
21 health insurance issuers while mitigating loss of health
22 insurance coverage for any potential consumer. The Department
23 of Insurance's progress reports shall provide information
24 including, but not limited to, transparency, user
25 understandability, plan compliance, outreach and education,
26 systems operations, and annual fiscal projections. The

1 Department of Insurance shall gather stakeholder input in
2 developing operational plans and preparing the reports for the
3 Illinois Health Benefits Exchange Advisory Committee.

4 (c) The Illinois Health Benefits Exchange Advisory
5 Committee shall include the following members:

6 (1) The Director of Insurance, or the Director's
7 designee, who shall serve ex officio and as co-chair;

8 (2) The Director of Healthcare and Family Services, or
9 the Director's designee, who shall serve ex officio and as
10 co-chair;

11 (3) The Secretary of Human Services, or the
12 Secretary's designee, who shall serve ex officio; and

13 (4) 10 public members, who shall be residents of this
14 State, appointed by the Director of Insurance. The
15 Director shall consider the diversity of this State in the
16 selection of the committee members. The public members
17 shall include:

18 (A) one representative of a statewide organization
19 representing a majority of Illinois hospitals;

20 (B) one representative of a statewide insurance
21 producer professional trade association whose
22 membership is primarily composed of individuals
23 licensed under the Illinois Insurance Code;

24 (C) 2 representatives of a health insurance
25 consumer advocacy group;

26 (D) one representative with expertise in

1 enrollment and consumer assistance;

2 (E) 2 representatives of health insurance issuers
3 or issuer trade associations, at least one of which
4 represents a State-domiciled mutual health insurance
5 company, with a demonstrated expertise in the business
6 of health insurance or health benefits administration;

7 (F) one representative of a statewide association
8 representing small business owners;

9 (G) one representative of a statewide organization
10 representing physicians; and

11 (H) one academic or research professional with
12 expertise in health insurance.

13 (d) Members of the Illinois Health Benefits Exchange
14 Advisory Committee shall serve for a term of 2 years, shall
15 serve without compensation, and shall not be entitled to
16 reimbursement. The Department of Insurance shall provide
17 administrative support to the Illinois Health Benefits
18 Exchange Advisory Committee.

19 (e) The Committee's quarterly meetings shall be open to
20 the public and subject to the Open Meetings Act.

21 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
22 becoming law."