

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 Blue-Ribbon Commission on Transportation
5 Infrastructure Funding and Policy Act is reenacted and amended
6 by changing Sections 10, 15, 25, and 30 and by adding Section
7 27 as follows:

8 (20 ILCS 4116/Act title)

9 An Act concerning transportation.

10 (20 ILCS 4116/1)

11 Sec. 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
12 Blue-Ribbon Commission on Transportation Infrastructure
13 Funding and Policy Act.

14 (Source: P.A. 102-988, eff. 5-27-22.)

15 (20 ILCS 4116/5)

16 Sec. 5. Findings. The General Assembly finds the
17 following:

18 (1) Illinois' transportation system is crucial to
19 every resident, employee, and business. It serves as the
20 backbone of the economy and is a critical component of
21 Illinois' economic competitiveness.

1 (2) The State must continue to pursue an equitable
2 transportation network in which marginalized communities
3 have improved access to all modes of transportation,
4 thereby enhancing access to jobs, housing, and other
5 services.

6 (3) Illinois is home to an expansive transportation
7 network, currently ranking third in the nation for the
8 number of roadway miles and bridges, totaling 127,044 and
9 26,848, respectively. The State also has 6,883 miles of
10 freight railway, 1,118 inland waterway miles, 58 transit
11 systems with over 450 million annual transit trips, and 17
12 major airports.

13 (4) The historic Rebuild Illinois capital plan adopted
14 in 2019 will end in June 2025.

15 (5) The motor fuel tax and vehicle registration fees
16 remain the most significant form of transportation funding
17 for Illinois.

18 (6) Illinois will continue to contend with
19 transportation funding shortfalls due to increasing
20 vehicle fuel efficiency and the rising popularity of
21 electric vehicles.

22 (7) New and innovative funding and policy options are
23 needed to adequately maintain Illinois' transportation
24 systems and support future growth.

25 (8) The General Assembly should study these issues to
26 determine funding mechanisms for transportation projects

1 and operations in Illinois, policy changes to support the
2 efficient governance and delivery of transportation
3 projects, and the workforce needed to support the future
4 transportation system.

5 (Source: P.A. 102-988, eff. 5-27-22.)

6 (20 ILCS 4116/10)

7 Sec. 10. Commission created.

8 (a) The Blue-Ribbon Commission on Transportation
9 Infrastructure Funding and Policy is created within the
10 Department of Transportation consisting of members appointed
11 as follows:

12 (1) Four members of the House of Representatives, with
13 2 to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
14 Representatives and 2 to be appointed by the Minority
15 Leader of the House of Representatives.

16 (2) Four members of the Senate, with 2 to be appointed
17 by the President of the Senate and 2 to be appointed by the
18 Minority Leader of the Senate.

19 (3) Eight members appointed by the Governor with the
20 advice and consent of the Senate.

21 (4) The chair of the Commission to be appointed by the
22 Governor from among his 8 appointments.

23 (b) Members shall have expertise, knowledge, or experience
24 in transportation infrastructure development, construction,
25 workforce, or policy. Members shall also represent a diverse

1 set of sectors, including the labor, engineering,
2 construction, transit, active transportation, rail, air, or
3 other sectors, and shall include participants of the
4 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program. No more than 2
5 appointees shall be members of the same sector.

6 (c) Members shall represent geographically diverse regions
7 of the State.

8 (d) Members shall be appointed by June 30 ~~January 31~~,
9 2023.

10 (Source: P.A. 102-988, eff. 5-27-22; 102-1129, eff. 2-10-23.)

11 (20 ILCS 4116/15)

12 Sec. 15. Meetings. The Commission shall hold its first
13 meeting by July 31 ~~February 15~~, 2023. The Commission may
14 conduct meetings at such places and at such times as it may
15 deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully
16 and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish
17 its objectives and purposes.

18 (Source: P.A. 102-988, eff. 5-27-22; 102-1129, eff. 2-10-23.)

19 (20 ILCS 4116/20)

20 Sec. 20. Duties. The Commission shall evaluate Illinois'
21 existing transportation infrastructure funding and policy
22 processes and develop alternative solutions. The Commission
23 shall:

24 (1) Evaluate current transportation funding in

1 Illinois, taking into account the viability of existing
2 revenue sources and funding distributions.

3 (2) Consider new and innovative funding options.

4 (3) Evaluate the existing governance of Illinois'
5 transportation system, including roles and
6 responsibilities for the State and county, township, and
7 municipal governments.

8 (4) Evaluate current and future workforce needs to
9 design, construct, and manage the state's transportation
10 system within the Illinois Department of Transportation
11 and within the State as a whole.

12 (5) Evaluate current and future data needs of the
13 Illinois Department of Transportation.

14 (6) Consider and recommend steps to expedite project
15 approval and completion.

16 (7) Consider future trends that will impact the
17 transportation system, including safety needs, racial
18 equity, electric vehicles, and climate change.

19 (8) Consider ways to improve transportation investment
20 impacts on goals such as improving racial equity,
21 addressing climate change, and increasing economic growth.

22 (9) Consider improvements to the performance-based
23 programming system.

24 (10) Consider multimodal system needs, including
25 public transportation, bicycle facilities, railways,
26 waterways, and airports.

1 (11) Consider alternative solutions employed by other
2 states.

3 (Source: P.A. 102-988, eff. 5-27-22.)

4 (20 ILCS 4116/25)

5 Sec. 25. Report. The Commission shall direct the Illinois
6 Department of Transportation to enter into a contract with a
7 third party to assist the Commission in producing a document
8 that evaluates the topics under this Act and outline formal
9 recommendations that can be acted upon by the General
10 Assembly. The Commission shall report a summary of its
11 activities and produce a final report of the data, findings,
12 and recommendations to the General Assembly by January 1, 2024
13 ~~September 15, 2023~~. The final report shall include specific,
14 actionable recommendations for legislation and organizational
15 adjustments. The final report may include recommendations for
16 pilot programs to test alternatives. The final report and
17 recommendations shall also include any minority and individual
18 views of task force members.

19 (Source: P.A. 102-988, eff. 5-27-22; 102-1129, eff. 2-10-23.)

20 (20 ILCS 4116/27 new)

21 Sec. 27. Continuation of Act; validation.

22 (a) The General Assembly finds and declares that:

23 (1) Public Act 102-1129, which took effect on February
24 10, 2023, changed the repeal date set for the Blue-Ribbon

1 Commission on Transportation Infrastructure Funding and
2 Policy Act from February 1, 2023 to September 30, 2023.

3 (2) The Statute on Statutes sets forth general rules
4 on the repeal of statutes and the construction of multiple
5 amendments, but Section 1 of that Act also states that
6 these rules will not be observed when the result would be
7 "inconsistent with the manifest intent of the General
8 Assembly or repugnant to the context of the statute".

9 (3) This amendatory Act of the 103rd General Assembly
10 manifests the intention of the General Assembly to extend
11 the repeal of the Blue-Ribbon Commission on Transportation
12 Infrastructure Funding and Policy Act and have the
13 Blue-Ribbon Commission on Transportation Infrastructure
14 Funding and Policy Act continue in effect until February
15 1, 2024.

16 (4) The Blue-Ribbon Commission on Transportation
17 Infrastructure Funding and Policy Act was originally
18 enacted to protect, promote, and preserve the general
19 welfare. Any construction of this Act that results in the
20 repeal of this Act on February 1, 2023, would be
21 inconsistent with the manifest intent of the General
22 Assembly and repugnant to the context of the Blue-Ribbon
23 Commission on Transportation Infrastructure Funding and
24 Policy Act.

25 (b) It is hereby declared to have been the intent of the
26 General Assembly that the Blue-Ribbon Commission on

1 Transportation Infrastructure Funding and Policy Act not be
2 subject to repeal on February 1, 2023.

3 (c) The Blue-Ribbon Commission on Transportation
4 Infrastructure Funding and Policy Act shall be deemed to have
5 been in continuous effect since May 27, 2022 (the effective
6 date of Public Act 102-998), and it shall continue to be in
7 effect until it is otherwise lawfully repealed. All previously
8 enacted amendments to the Act taking effect on or after
9 February 1, 2023, are hereby validated.

10 (d) All actions taken in reliance on or pursuant to the
11 Blue-Ribbon Commission on Transportation Infrastructure
12 Funding and Policy Act by any person or entity are hereby
13 validated.

14 (e) In order to ensure the continuing effectiveness of the
15 Blue-Ribbon Commission on Transportation Infrastructure
16 Funding and Policy Act, it is set forth in full and reenacted
17 by this amendatory Act of the 103rd General Assembly. Striking
18 and underscoring are used only to show changes being made to
19 the base text. This reenactment is intended as a continuation
20 of the Act. It is not intended to supersede any amendment to
21 the Act that is enacted by the 103rd General Assembly.

22 (f) The Blue-Ribbon Commission on Transportation
23 Infrastructure Funding and Policy Act applies to all claims,
24 civil actions, and proceedings pending on or filed on or
25 before the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 103rd
26 General Assembly.

1 (20 ILCS 4116/30)

2 Sec. 30. Repeal. This Commission is dissolved, and this
3 Act is repealed, on February 1, 2024 ~~September 30, 2023~~.

4 (Source: P.A. 102-988, eff. 5-27-22; 102-1129, eff. 2-10-23.)

5 (20 ILCS 4116/99)

6 Sec. 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
7 becoming law.

8 (Source: P.A. 102-988, eff. 5-27-22.)

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