

## 93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2003 and 2004

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## SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Women's Access to Education and Training Act. Creates the Task Force on Women's Access to Education and Training to address efforts on developing and expanding women's access to participation in education and training opportunities and to identify the State-specific barriers that prevent more women from continuing their education and entering the workforce at a variety of levels. Requires the Task Force to annually report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY

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1 AN ACT concerning women's access to education and training.

## Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

- Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Women's Access to Education and Training Act.
- Section 5. Task Force on Women's Access to Education and Training.
- 8 (a) The Task Force on Women's Access to Education and 9 Training is hereby created. This task force shall consist of 10 all of the following members:
- 11 (1) A representative of the Department of Commerce and
  12 Community Affairs.
  - (2) A representative of the State Board of Education.
    - (3) A representative of the Board of Higher Education.
  - (4) Persons representing business and labor organizations appointed by the Governor.
  - (b) The members of the task force shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for their reasonable and necessary expenses from funds available for that purpose. The task force shall meet initially at the call of the Governor, shall select one member as chairperson at its initial meeting, and shall thereafter meet at the call of the chairperson.
- Section 10. Responsibilities of task force. The Task Force on Women's Access to Education and Training has all of the following responsibilities:
  - (1) To address efforts on developing and expanding women's access to participation in education and training opportunities.
  - (2) To identify the State-specific barriers that prevent more women from continuing their education and entering the workforce at a variety of levels.

Section 15. Report of task force. The Task Force on Women's
Access to Education and Training shall annually report its
findings and recommendations to the General Assembly by filing
copies of its report by December 31 of each year as provided in
Section 3.1 of the General Assembly Organization Act.