

1 AN ACT concerning spending.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Commission on Taxpayer Oversight and Reduction of State
6 Spending Act.

7 Section 5. Legislative intent. It is the continuing policy
8 of the State to provide the citizens of Illinois with a
9 government that is accountable to the taxpayers. To carry out
10 this policy effectively, it is essential that the General
11 Assembly examine expenditures of the State for programs and
12 services and make recommendations to reduce spending.

13 Section 10. Creation of Commission. The Commission on
14 Taxpayer Oversight and Reduction of State Spending, hereafter
15 in this Act referred to as the "Commission", is hereby created
16 in the Governor's Office of Management and Budget to examine
17 expenditures of the State and make recommendations to the
18 Governor and General Assembly to reduce State spending. The
19 Commission shall:

20 (1) Conduct investigations to ascertain facts, review
21 appropriations and expenditures, and make recommendations
22 and reports concerning revenues and expenditures of the

1 State, its departments, subdivisions, and agencies,
2 whether created by the Constitution or otherwise.

3 (2) Review the budget submitted by the Governor and
4 make recommendations for reducing expenditures set forth
5 in the budget, provided the Commission shall take into
6 account any specific areas of reductions recommended for
7 the Commission's review by the Governor and the statewide
8 prioritized budgetary goals established by Section 50-25
9 of the State Budget Law of the Civil Administrative Code of
10 Illinois, as those goals are reflected in the budget
11 submitted by the Governor.

12 (3) Review programs, strategies, and activities
13 conducted by agencies and grant recipients to determine
14 whether they are achieving the prioritized outcomes and
15 meeting the goals established under Section 50-25 of the
16 State Budget Law of the Civil Administrative Code of
17 Illinois in an efficient manner and make recommendations to
18 reduce appropriations or expenditures of agencies and
19 grant recipients failing to meet the outcomes and goals.

20 (4) Consider budgetary reductions at the State and
21 local levels of government through the reduction or
22 elimination of statutorily mandated expenditures or the
23 consolidation of government agencies and instrumentalities
24 to eliminate waste and inefficiency in the operation of
25 State and local government.

26 The Commission shall have continuing existence and may

1 meet, act, and conduct its business at any place within this
2 State, during the sessions of the General Assembly or any
3 recess thereof, and in the interim periods between sessions.

4 Section 15. Composition of Committee. The Commission shall
5 consist of 8 members as follows: 2 members of the General
6 Assembly appointed by the President of the Senate, one of whom
7 shall serve as co-chair of the Commission; 2 members of the
8 General Assembly appointed by the Speaker of the House of
9 Representatives, one of whom shall serve as co-chair of the
10 Commission; 2 members of the General Assembly appointed by the
11 Minority Leader of the Senate; and 2 members of the General
12 Assembly appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of
13 Representatives. The Governor shall appoint 2 additional
14 members to serve in a non-voting, advisory capacity. A vacancy
15 shall be filled in the same manner as the initial appointment.

16 Section 20. Reports of the Commission. The Commission may,
17 upon the concurrence of a majority of its members, issue a
18 report with recommendations. The Commission shall conduct at
19 least one public hearing prior to issuing any report and allow
20 interested persons to present their views and comments. The
21 Commission may prescribe reasonable rules for the conduct of
22 public hearings and issuance of reports. Reports of the
23 Commission shall include the following: (i) the expenditure,
24 State program, or service examined; (ii) a detailed description

1 of the investigation conducted by the Commission; (iii) any
2 inquiries for the Governor, if applicable, related to the
3 expenditure, State program, or service; (iv) specific
4 recommendations for change, improvement, reduction, or
5 elimination of the State program or service; and (v) a detailed
6 formal request for action by the Governor. Any report making a
7 recommendation shall be filed with the Governor, Secretary of
8 the Senate, and Clerk of the House of Representatives.

9 Section 25. Response of the Governor. Upon receipt of a
10 report, the Governor shall respond, in writing, within 30
11 calendar days. Such response shall be filed with the Secretary
12 of the Senate and Clerk of the House of Representatives. The
13 Governor's response shall include a response to any inquiries
14 made in the report and a specific response to each
15 recommendation of the Commission stating whether the Governor
16 accepts or rejects the recommendation. If the Governor accepts
17 a recommendation of the Commission, the response shall include
18 a description of any action that has or will be taken to comply
19 with the recommendation. If the Governor rejects the
20 recommendation of the Commission, the response shall include
21 reasons for the rejection.

22 Section 30. Cooperation of State agencies. The Governor's
23 Office of Management and Budget shall cooperate with the
24 Commission by providing relevant data, documents, and other

1 information as requested by the Commission. The Governor's
2 Office of Management and Budget shall, upon request, provide
3 the Commission with an analysis of the costs or savings
4 associated with any potential recommendation. At the request of
5 the Commission, each State agency shall, without delay, make
6 available any record or information requested and shall provide
7 for examination and copying of all records, accounts, papers,
8 reports, accounts, papers, reports, vouchers, correspondence,
9 books and other documentation in the custody of that agency,
10 including information stored in electronic data processing
11 systems, which is related to or within the scope of an
12 investigation conducted by the Commission.

13 Section 35. Administrative Support The Governor's Office
14 of Management and Budget shall provide administrative and other
15 support to the Commission.

16 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
17 becoming law.