

1 AN ACT concerning finance.

2 WHEREAS, African-Americans represent 14.7% of the total
3 population of Illinois residents; the unemployment rate for
4 African-Americans in Illinois is projected to be 13.5%, nearly
5 double the rate for the total State population; and

6 WHEREAS, African-Americans represent 9.5% of the ownership
7 of total Illinois businesses; the total value of State
8 contracts awarded to African-American-owned businesses in 2013
9 was less than 1% of total Central Management Services spending;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Unemployment leads to a decline in communities,
12 resulting in foreclosures, abandoned buildings, violence,
13 depression, and poverty; therefore

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

16 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Fair
17 Practices in Contracting Task Force Act.

18 Section 5. Purpose and members.

19 (a) There is created the Fair Practices in Contracting Task
20 Force to:

1 (1) thoroughly survey African-American-owned business
2 participation in State procurement;

3 (2) study African-American-owned subcontractors'
4 ability to be paid in a timely manner and the communication
5 processes between subcontractors and prime contractors and
6 the State;

7 (3) research solutions and methods to address the
8 disparity in procurement awards; and

9 (4) produce a final report summarizing the Task Force's
10 findings and detailing recommended statutory or
11 constitutional strategies to recognize best practices.

12 (b) The Task Force shall consist of the following members:

13 (1) Two members appointed by the Speaker of the House
14 of Representatives, one of whom must be a member of the
15 House of Representatives, and one whom must be from the
16 Department of Central Management Services, the Department
17 of Transportation, or the Department of Health and Family
18 Services;

19 (2) Two members appointed by the Minority Leader of the
20 House of Representatives, one of whom must be a member of
21 the House of Representatives, and one whom must be from the
22 Department of Central Management Services, the Department
23 of Transportation, or the Department of Health and Family
24 Services;

25 (3) Two members appointed by the President of the
26 Senate, one of whom must be a member of the Senate, and one

1 whom must be from the Department of Central Management
2 Services, the Department of Transportation, or the
3 Department of Health and Family Services;

4 (4) Two members appointed by the Minority Leader of the
5 Senate, one of whom must be a member of the Senate, and one
6 whom must be from the Department of Central Management
7 Services, the Department of Transportation, or the
8 Department of Health and Family Services; and

9 (5) Four members appointed by the Governor, all of whom
10 must be from the Department of Central Management Services,
11 the Department of Transportation, or the Department of
12 Health and Family Services.

13 (c) Members shall serve without compensation.

14 Section 10. Meetings.

15 (a) The Task Force shall hold its first meeting by March 1,
16 2016.

17 (b) The Department of Central Management Services shall
18 assist the Task Force and provide administrative support, but
19 shall have no hand in guiding its direction or ascertaining its
20 results.

21 (c) The Task Force shall meet quarterly and report its
22 findings to the General Assembly and the appropriate
23 committees.

24 (d) The Task Force shall submit its final report to the
25 General Assembly and the Governor no later than December 31,

1 2017.

2 Section 15. Repeal date. This Act is repealed on January
3 2, 2019.