

1 AN ACT concerning transportation.

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 Springfield High Speed Railroad Oversight Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions. For purposes of this Act:

7 "Department" means the Department of Transportation.

8 "Minority owned business", "business owned by a person with  
9 a disability", and "female owned business" shall have the  
10 meanings provided in Section 2 of the Business Enterprise for  
11 Minorities, Females, and Persons with Disabilities Act.

12 "High Speed Rail Project" means the Illinois High Speed  
13 Rail Program, led by the Illinois Department of Transportation  
14 and the Federal Railroad Administration, which is designed to  
15 enhance the passenger transportation network in the  
16 Chicago-St. Louis corridor.

17 Section 10. Diversity program; purposes. The Department,  
18 the City of Springfield, and Sangamon County shall establish  
19 and maintain a diversity program to ensure environmental  
20 justice, as well as local involvement and non-discrimination,  
21 in all contracts related to the High Speed Rail Project in the  
22 City of Springfield and Sangamon County. The program shall do

1 each of the following:

2 (1) Guarantee equal employment opportunities for socially  
3 and economically disadvantaged workers, particularly in areas  
4 affected by the High Speed Rail Project.

5 (2) Increase participation by minorities, women, and  
6 persons with disabilities in employment opportunities.  
7 Contracts related to the High Speed Rail Project shall meet a  
8 goal of at least 25% minority hiring.

9 (3) Increase participation by small businesses, minority  
10 owned businesses, businesses owned by a person with a  
11 disability, and female owned businesses in contracting.  
12 Contracts related to the High Speed Rail Project shall meet the  
13 Department's existing 22.77% Disadvantaged Business Enterprise  
14 participation goal for competitively let construction  
15 projects.

16 (4) Provide new funds equal to 1/2 of 1% of the project  
17 budget to local job training and support programs.

18 (5) Engage the full and fair participation of all  
19 potentially affected communities in the transportation  
20 decision making process concerning the construction of the High  
21 Speed Rail Project.

22 (6) Ensure compliance with all State and federal hiring  
23 regulations, including, but not limited to, goals for hiring  
24 women and minorities, and prohibitions on discrimination.

25 (7) Ensure proper support and adequate resources are  
26 available for the appointed rail relocation ombudsman.

1           If the implementation of any of the provisions of this  
2 Section 10 would negatively affect the receipt of federal  
3 funding, then the provisions of Section 10 shall not apply.

4           Section 15. Springfield High Speed Railroad Oversight  
5 Commission. The Springfield High Speed Railroad Oversight  
6 Commission ("Commission") is created to monitor, review, and  
7 report on contracting and employment related to the planning,  
8 organization, and construction of the High Speed Rail Project.  
9 The Commission shall consist of 13 members who shall be  
10 appointed, within 90 days of the effective date of this Act, as  
11 follows:

12           (1) One member of the Senate appointed by the President of  
13 the Senate, who shall serve as a Co-Chairperson of the  
14 Commission.

15           (2) One member of the House of Representatives appointed by  
16 the Speaker of the House, who shall serve as a Co-Chairperson  
17 of the Commission.

18           (3) One member of the Senate appointed by the Minority  
19 Leader of the Senate.

20           (4) One member of the House appointed by the Minority  
21 Leader of the House of Representatives.

22           (5) One member appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
23 Representatives representing the community surrounding the  
24 Springfield High Speed Railroad project area.

25           (6) One member appointed by the Governor representing

1 community organizations operating within the community  
2 surrounding the High Speed Rail Project area in Springfield.

3 (7) One member appointed by the President of the Senate  
4 representing a minority chamber of commerce.

5 (8) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the  
6 Senate who is a minority or female and a licensed professional  
7 engineer.

8 (9) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the  
9 House of Representatives representing the City of Springfield.

10 (10) One member appointed by the President of the Senate  
11 representing Sangamon County.

12 (11) One member appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
13 Representatives representing a statewide labor organization.

14 (12) One member appointed by the Governor representing the  
15 Illinois Department of Transportation.

16 (13) The independent ombudsman for the 10th Street Rail  
17 Corridor.

18 Section 20. Commission meetings; authority; reporting. The  
19 Commission shall meet quarterly. The Commission shall have the  
20 authority to convene City, County, and Department officials to  
21 ensure compliance with the above stated goals.

22 On January 1, 2016, and on the first of each quarter  
23 thereafter until the completion of the High Speed Rail Project,  
24 the Commission shall issue a written report to the Governor,  
25 President of the Senate, Speaker of the House of

1 Representatives, Minority Leader of the Senate, Minority  
2 Leader of the House of Representatives, Mayor of Springfield,  
3 Springfield City Council, Sangamon County Board, and the  
4 Department describing in detail the Project's compliance with  
5 the requirements of Section 10 of this Act. If in any reporting  
6 period any portion of the Project is not in compliance with its  
7 respective obligations, each entity that is not in compliance  
8 shall, by the end of the first month of the reporting period,  
9 file with the Commission a written explanation setting forth  
10 the reason or reasons for noncompliance. The Commission shall  
11 then meet within one week after receiving the written  
12 explanations to discuss the stated reason or reasons for  
13 noncompliance.

14 Section 25. Home rule. The requirements of this Act are  
15 exclusive powers and functions of the State. This Act is a  
16 denial and limitation of home rule powers and functions under  
17 subsection (h) of Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois  
18 Constitution.

19 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
20 becoming law.