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AN ACT concerning State government.

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

Governor's Office of New Americans Act.

Section 5. Governor's Office of New Americans. The Office

of New Americans is hereby created in the Office of the

Governor. The Office of New Americans shall maintain and

continue to develop on behalf of the people of the State of

Illinois a New Americans Immigrant Policy that builds upon the

strengths of immigrants, their families, and their institutions, and expedites their journey towards self-sufficiency. The policy developed by the Office shall

enable State government to more effectively assist immigrants

in overcoming barriers to success and shall facilitate host

communities' ability to capitalize on the assets of their

immigrant populations.

The Governor's Office of New Americans shall identify

strategic partnerships with State agencies under the

jurisdiction of the Governor in an effort to implement best

practices, policies, and procedures and make recommendations

for statewide policy and administrative changes.

Section 10. New American Plans. Each State agency under the

jurisdiction of the Governor shall develop a New American Plan

that incorporates effective training and resources, ensures

culturally and linguistically competent and appropriate

services, and includes administrative practices that reach out to and reflect the needs of the immigrant populations and populations with limited English proficiency. Each State agency under the jurisdiction of the Governor shall consider the New Americans Immigrant Policy Council's recommendations in creating the agency's plans. Agency plans should be submitted to the Governor for approval.