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Re: Gubernatorial Boards and Commissions Act Report

I. Introduction

Section 25 of the Gubernatorial Boards and Commissions Act¹ (the “Act”) requires the Office of the Governor to file a report with the General Assembly detailing the following information:

1. The demographic information (ethnicity, gender, and disability status) of each appointment made by the Governor between July 1 of the prior year through June 30 of the reporting year. Such demographic information shall also include the voluntarily and publicly disclosed sexual orientation of each appointment;
2. The aggregate demographic information for those persons who applied for an appointment with the Governor’s office, but were not appointed between July 1 of the prior year through June 30 of the reporting year. Such aggregate demographic information shall also include the voluntarily and publicly disclosed sexual orientation of those applicants; and
3. The demographic composition of the gubernatorial appointees on each board, commission, and task force as of June 30 of the reporting year. Such demographic composition information shall also include the voluntarily and publicly disclosed sexual orientation of each appointee.

¹ 15 ILCS 50/25 (2018).

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The Act was originally approved by then-Governor Quinn on August 26, 2014, with an effective date of January 1, 2015. On August 18, 2017, Governor Rauner approved an amendment to the Act, effective January 1, 2018, creating new requirements that the Office of the Governor must provide an opportunity to voluntarily disclose sexual orientation in its online application for appointments and must report that information.

II. Demographic Information of Each Appointment

From July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018, the Governor made 431 total appointments to boards, commissions, and task forces. The demographic breakdown of the appointments is as follows:

Ethnicity²	Number of FY 2018 Appointments	Percentage of FY 2018 Appointments
American Indian or Alaska Native	1	<1%
Asian	16	4%
Black or African-American	41	9%
Hispanic or Latino	15	3%
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	0	0%
White	278	64%
No Response/Other	82	19%

Gender	Number of FY 2018 Appointments	Percentage of FY 2018 Appointments
Male	272	63%
Female	155	36%
No Response	4	<1%

² Two FY 2018 appointees reported having more than one ethnicity. These individuals are counted in each reported category for purposes of this table.

Disability Status	Number of FY 2018 Appointments	Percentage of FY 2018 Appointments
Yes	17	4%
No	357	83%
No Response	57	13%

Sexual Orientation	Number of FY 2018 Appointments	Percentage of FY 2018 Appointments
Bisexual	0	0%
Gay or Lesbian	1	<1%
Heterosexual	3	<1%
Other	0	0%
No Response/ Decline to State	429	>99%

Please note that the information in these tables relies on appointee self-reporting; it may be limited by what an appointee chooses to report. In compliance with the Act, the online application does not require an appointee to report sexual orientation.

III. Aggregate Demographic Information of Other Applicants

Besides applications from the appointees described in Section II, our administration received 581 applications from individuals wishing to be considered for appointment to a State board, commission, or task force during FY 2018. In compliance with the Act, the application is available online and includes “a data field where an applicant shall disclose his or her ethnicity, gender, or disability status for reporting purposes” and “a data field where an applicant may optionally disclose his or her sexual orientation for reporting purposes.” We have compiled the demographic information from all applicants that have disclosed demographic information on their application during this period. The demographic breakdown of applicants who were not appointed in FY 2018 is as follows:

Ethnicity	Number of FY 2018 Applicants	Percentage of FY 2018 Applicants
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0%
Asian	32	6%

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Black or African-American	89	15%
Hispanic or Latino	29	5%
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	0	0%
White	419	72%
No Response/Other	12	2%

Gender	Number of FY 2018 Applicants	Percentage of FY 2018 Applicants
Male	369	64%
Female	212	36%

Disability Status	Number of FY 2018 Applicants	Percentage of FY 2018 Applicants
Yes	60	10%
No	521	90%

Sexual Orientation	Number of FY 2018 Applicants	Percentage of FY 2018 Applicants
Bisexual	0	0%
Gay or Lesbian	4	<1%
Heterosexual	139	24%
Other	2	<1%
No Response/ Decline to State	436	75%

IV. Demographic Composition of Gubernatorial Appointees

Based on the available appointments data kept by the Office of the Governor, including the results of surveys distributed by State agencies, the composition of gubernatorial appointees to boards, commissions, and task forces as of June 30, 2018 was as follows:

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Ethnicity³	Number of Appointees	Percentage of Appointees
American Indian or Alaska Native	7	<1%
Asian	43	3%
Black or African-American	162	11%
Hispanic	92	6%
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	1	<1%
White	1118	74%
No Response/Other	83	6%

Gender	Number of Appointees	Percentage of Appointees
Male	922	62%
Female	563	38%
No Response	10	<1%

Disability Status	Number of Appointees	Percentage of Appointees
Yes	89	6%
No	1294	87%
No Response	112	7%

³ Nine appointees reported having more than one ethnicity. These individuals are counted in each reported category for purposes of this table.

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Sexual Orientation	Number of Applicants	Percentage of Applicants
Bisexual	0	0%
Gay or Lesbian	1	<1%
Heterosexual	3	<1%
Other	0	0%
No Response/ Decline to State	1491	>99%

Again, please note that this information relies on applicant self-reporting and may be limited by what an appointee chooses to report. Certain board, commission, and task force members did not respond to the surveys. In addition, the online mechanism for voluntarily disclosing information about sexual orientation is still relatively new, and few appointees have chosen to provide that information. The Office of the Governor will continue to provide opportunities for applicants and appointees to boards, commissions, and task forces to report demographic information.