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Introduced by:

Referred to Committee: Blue 5

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For an Act to amend Chapter 96, Section 4 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes, relating to Increasing Prairie Trails in Illinois.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

1 Section I. This bill will have the Illinois state government collaborate with the IPP in
2 order to create miles of Prairie Path across Illinois.

3 The IPP will obtain the funds for the project, and the Illinois government will help
4 them create the paths. The IPP will use the funds from its donations to create and
5 maintain paths.

6 The Illinois government's main role will be to ensure that the paths can be built in
7 the designated areas, and to act as an authoritative partner to the IPP. It will also
8 help promote the IPP in order to secure further donations.

9 The local government and municipalities will be allowed to find areas that will (a) not
10 interrupt the local wildlifes food chain, environment, and community around it, (b)
11 be able to be adopted by a group, individual, or non-profit so the path will not violate
12 the terms previously stated, (c) be beneficial to the community around the path and
13 provide a safe entrance and exits off of the path, (d) not be unusable in future years
14 such as near a sinkhole, (e) provide uses other than exercise, such as transportation
15 for those in public or private school, (f) make a meaningful impact on the
16 community, if not deemed as an impactful addition or creation, another area may be
17 found instead that will have a greater importance to the community that uses it, (g)
18 be safe for those who will use the path later on, i.e. will not be dangerous to ride on,
19 (h) be able to be traversed by an A.T.V. in cases of emergency where there is need
20 of medical service on the path, (i) not be too wet or steep so as to not put the
21 potential traveler at risk of injury or other harm, (j) not pool or be covered in water