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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The transportation of elementary and secondary  
3 education students is an important public policy issue; and

4 WHEREAS, Whether or not a school district in Illinois may  
5 use a multi-function school activity bus for transportation is  
6 continually up for debate; and

7 WHEREAS, There is a need for accurate and consistent  
8 information regarding the legal and appropriate mode of  
9 transportation of students in grades K through 12 made  
10 available to administrators, educators, parents and  
11 transportation companies; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL  
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
14 CONCURRING HEREIN, that there is created the Task Force on  
15 Modes of School Transportation for Elementary and Secondary  
16 Education, consisting of the following:

17 (1) the State Superintendent of Education or his or her  
18 designee, who shall serve as Chair of the Task Force;

19 (2) the Secretary of State or his or her designee;

20 (3) the Secretary of Transportation or his or her designee;

21 (4) one member of the General Assembly, appointed by the  
22 President of the Senate;

1           (5) one member of the General Assembly, appointed by the  
2 Minority Leader of the Senate;

3           (6) one member of the General Assembly, appointed by the  
4 Speaker of the House of Representatives;

5           (7) one member of the General Assembly, appointed by the  
6 Minority Leader of the House of Representatives;

7           (8) a representative of a statewide association  
8 representing school board members, appointed by the State  
9 Superintendent of Education;

10          (9) a representative of an association representing  
11 private special education centers, appointed by the State  
12 Superintendent of Education;

13          (10) a representative of a statewide association  
14 representing regional superintendents of schools, appointed by  
15 the State Superintendent of Education;

16          (11) a representative of a statewide association  
17 representing teachers, appointed by the State Superintendent  
18 of Education;

19          (12) a representative of a different statewide association  
20 representing teachers, appointed by the State Superintendent  
21 of Education;

22          (13) a representative of an association representing  
23 teachers in a city with 500,000 or more inhabitants, appointed  
24 by the State Superintendent of Education;

25          (14) a representative of an association representing  
26 private contractors providing school transportation, appointed

1 by the State Superintendent of Education;

2 (15) a representative of an association representing large  
3 unit school districts, appointed by the State Superintendent of  
4 Education;

5 (16) a representative of a statewide association  
6 representing principals, appointed by the State Superintendent  
7 of Education;

8 (17) a representative of a statewide association  
9 representing school administrators, appointed by the State  
10 Superintendent of Education;

11 (18) a representative of an association representing  
12 school boards, appointed by the State Superintendent of  
13 Education; and

14 (19) a representative of an association representing  
15 suburban school districts, appointed by the State  
16 Superintendent of Education; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall:

18 (1) conduct a thorough review of existing State and federal  
19 law regarding the use of the various modes to transport  
20 elementary and secondary education students;

21 (2) develop concise and consistent information to be  
22 considered for use by the State Board of Education, the  
23 Department of Transportation, and the Secretary of State to  
24 inform the public about the legal means by which elementary and  
25 secondary education students may be transported, including,

1 but not limited to:

2 (A) the type of vehicle and the required equipment to  
3 transport elementary and secondary education students;

4 (B) the allowed purpose of the transportation and any  
5 other limits of transportation of elementary and secondary  
6 education students by vehicle type;

7 (C) the type of driver's license required to transport  
8 elementary and secondary education students; and

9 (D) the requirements for driver licensing and vehicle  
10 licensing and inspection; and

11 (3) make recommendations to the State Board of Education  
12 and the General Assembly regarding the safe transportation of  
13 elementary and secondary education students in our State; and  
14 be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall seek input from  
16 stakeholders and members of the public on the issues to be  
17 reviewed and reported on by the Task Force; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That members of the Task Force shall serve  
19 without compensation, and the State Board of Education shall  
20 provide administrative and other support to the Task Force; and  
21 be it further

22 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall meet at the request of  
23 the Task Force Chair, but shall meet a minimum of 4 times prior

1 to December 15, 2017; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall present its legislative  
3 and administrative recommendations to the Governor and the  
4 General Assembly no later than December 15, 2017; and be it  
5 further

6 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall be dissolved after  
7 submitting its recommendations to the Governor and the General  
8 Assembly.