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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Studies have shown the need for continued
3 assistance for children who have aged out of foster care; and

4 WHEREAS, Studies have also shown that former foster care
5 youth are more likely than their peers to have higher
6 unemployment and lower levels of higher education; and

7 WHEREAS, The Department of Children and Family Services has
8 committed to assisting youth that age out of foster care with
9 programs that ensure continued success of the child and are
10 cost-effective for the State; and

11 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois has implemented programs and
12 laws to assist various populations for employment and
13 educational opportunities; and

14 WHEREAS, There is a need to further examine existing laws
15 and programs of other populations that may be applicable to
16 youth that have aged out of foster care; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
18 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that there
19 is created the Success by 25 Task Force under the Department of
20 Children and Family Services to identify and recommend

1 cost-effective ways to further assist foster care children as
2 they age out of foster care and into independent living; and be
3 it further

4 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall research, analyze, and
5 consider existing laws, programs, and benefits that could be
6 used to assist wards of the State in a cost-effective manner to
7 live independently as they age out of foster care; and be it
8 further

9 RESOLVED, That the primary focus of the Task Force is to
10 identify programs that may be beneficial to young adults
11 between the ages of 18 and 21 who are in the care of the
12 Illinois Department of Children and Family Services; the
13 secondary focus is to examine new programs and laws for young
14 adults between the ages of 21 and 25 who were formerly in the
15 care of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services
16 to ensure their continued success for independent living; and
17 be it further"; and

18 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall consist of the
19 following members:

20 (1) three members appointed by the Speaker of the House
21 of Representatives, one of whom shall serve as a
22 Co-Chairperson of the Task Force;

1 (2) three members appointed by the Minority Leader of
2 the House of Representatives, one of whom shall serve as a
3 Co-Chairperson of the Task Force;

4 (3) the Secretary of the Department of Human Services
5 or his or her designee;

6 (4) the Director of the Department of Children and
7 Family Services or his or her designee;

8 (5) the Director of the Department of Healthcare and
9 Family Services or his or her designee;

10 (6) the Director of the Department of Corrections or
11 his or her designee;

12 (7) a representative from the Governor's Office,
13 appointed by the Governor;

14 (8) two members who are licensed social workers who
15 work with children in at-risk groups, appointed by the
16 Director of the Department of Children and Family Services;

17 (9) one representative from the Office of the Cook
18 County Public Guardian, appointed by the Director of the

1 Department of Children and Family Services in consultation
2 with the Cook County Public Guardian;

3 (10) two representatives from the Children and Family
4 Services Advisory Council, appointed by the Director of the
5 Department of Children and Family Services; and

6 (11) two former youth-in-care, appointed by the
7 Director of the Department of Children and Family Services;
8 and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the members of the Task Force shall serve
10 without compensation; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall receive the cooperation
12 of any State agencies it deems appropriate to assist the Task
13 Force in carrying out its duties; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the members of the Task Force shall be
15 considered members with voting rights; a quorum of the Task
16 Force shall consist of a majority of the members of the Task
17 Force; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall present its findings
19 and recommendations to the General Assembly in a report to the
20 General Assembly and the Director of Children and Family

1 Services on or before December 31, 2017.