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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Apprenticeship programs integrate systematic
3 on-the-job training, guided by an experienced master-level
4 practitioner in an occupation, with classroom instruction; and

5 WHEREAS, The federal government, in cooperation with the
6 states, registers apprenticeship programs that meet federal
7 and state standards; and

8 WHEREAS, The best programs, which provide multiple
9 industries with highly-skilled workers who earn
10 family-sustaining wages, are registered with government
11 agencies, operated by sponsors representing labor and
12 management organizations and are funded through collectively
13 bargained contributions to tax-exempt trust funds; and

14 WHEREAS, By partnering with employers, unions help working
15 people develop in-demand skills to power the next generation of
16 American-led innovation; and

17 WHEREAS, Joint labor-management training programs in the
18 building and construction industry contribute about \$1.5
19 billion to the American economy every year; and

20 WHEREAS, Labor management partnerships combine to offer

1 opportunities for working people in many other industries,
2 including health care, construction, manufacturing,
3 hospitality, and aerospace; and

4 WHEREAS, The mission of the Chicago Regional Council of
5 Carpenters Apprentice and Training Program is to provide
6 members both classroom and hands-on training to guarantee that
7 the safest, best-trained, and skilled work force is at the
8 forefront of the technology to meet the employment needs of the
9 industry, now and in the future; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
12 CONCURRING HEREIN, that the Apprentice Higher Education Task
13 Force is created and shall consist of nine members appointed as
14 follows:

15 (1) Two members appointed by the President of the
16 Senate, one of whom will be named Co-Chairperson;

17 (2) Two members appointed by the Minority Leader of the
18 Senate;

19 (3) Two members appointed by the Speaker of the House
20 of Representatives, one of whom will be named
21 Co-Chairperson;

22 (4) Two members appointed by the Minority Leader of the
23 House of Representatives, with higher education
24 experience; and

1 (5) Chairperson of the Illinois Community College
2 Board of his or her designee; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That the members of the Task Force shall serve
4 without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for their
5 reasonable and necessary expenses from funds appropriated for
6 that purpose; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That two Task Force members must have apprentice
8 training experience from a skilled labor union, and two Task
9 Force members must have higher education experience; and be it
10 further

11 RESOLVED, That the Task Force may employ skilled experts
12 with the approval of the Chairperson and shall receive the
13 cooperation of those State agencies it deems appropriate to
14 assist the Task Force in carrying out its duties; and be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Community College Board shall
17 provide administrative and other support to the Task Force; and
18 be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall have the following
20 duties:

21 (1) To increase awareness of skilled trade apprentice

1 training center programs in Illinois;

2 (2) To review the Career and Workforce Transition Act;

3 (3) To develop new guidelines and procedures to
4 modernize Higher Learning Commission accreditation process
5 with regards to skilled labor apprentice training
6 graduates; and

7 (4) To make uniform new guidelines and procedures for
8 an accredited public community college district or an
9 accredited two-year and four-year institution of higher
10 education to enforce the Career Workforce Transition Act;
11 and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the report filed with the General Assembly
13 shall be filed with the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk
14 of the House of Representatives in electronic form only, in the
15 manner that the Secretary and Clerk shall direct; and be it
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall report to the Governor
18 and the General Assembly by January 1, 2019.