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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, It has recently come to light that there may have been a sexual assault purposefully prevented from being reported in Champaign; and

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WHEREAS, The Champaign County State's Attorney stated that she was initially hesitant to investigate the sexual assault because her budget did not provide for the convening of a grand jury; therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the State's Attorney Proper Funding Task Force is established to:

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(1) Study the current funding levels of state's attorneys' offices in Illinois and their ability to effectively represent the State's interests and protect the people in this State at the current funding levels;

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(2) Study the optimal funding for state's attorneys' offices in the State; and

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(3) Make recommendations to improve the funding to state's attorneys' offices across the State; and be it further

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RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall consist of the

1 following members appointed by the Governor no later than 30
2 days after the adoption of this resolution:

3 (1) Two members who are assistant state's attorneys
4 from the Cook County State's Attorney's Office;

5 (2) Five members who are state's attorneys or assistant
6 state's attorneys from five counties other than Cook
7 County;

8 (3) One Cook County circuit judge experienced in the
9 litigation of criminal law matters;

10 (4) One circuit judge from outside of Cook County
11 experienced in the litigation of criminal law matters; and

12 (5) One representative from the Office of the State's
13 Attorney Appellate Prosecutor; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That Task Force members shall serve without
15 compensation but may be reimbursed for their expenses incurred
16 in performing their duties; if a vacancy occurs in the Task
17 Force membership, the vacancy shall be filled in the same
18 manner as the original appointment for the remainder of the
19 Task Force; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That The Task Force shall hold a minimum of one
21 public hearing per month; at the public hearings, the Task
22 Force shall take testimony from state's attorneys, victims of
23 crimes prosecuted by state's attorneys, and any other person
24 the Task Force believes would aid the Task Force's examination

1 and recommendations; the Task Force may meet at such other
2 times as it deems appropriate; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That the Office of the State's Attorney Appellate
4 Prosecutor shall provide administrative and other support to
5 the Task Force; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall prepare a report that
7 summarizes its work and makes recommendations; the Task Force
8 shall submit its report to the Governor and the General
9 Assembly no later than December 31, 2020 and is dissolved upon
10 the filing of its report.