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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Elder abuse is an intentional act or failure to
3 act that causes or creates a risk of harm to an adult, age 60 or
4 older, with forms of abuse including physical, sexual, neglect,
5 financial, and emotional or psychological; and

6 WHEREAS, Elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation is a
7 serious problem that is severely underreported; it is estimated
8 that only between 1 in 14 and 1 in 23 instances of abuse and
9 neglect are actually reported; and

10 WHEREAS, Elder abuse can have several physical and
11 emotional effects on an older adult, including pain, soreness,
12 fear, anxiety, and even premature death; and

13 WHEREAS, The State has a responsibility to protect these
14 older adults from mistreatment and exploitation; therefore, be
15 it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
18 CONCURRING HEREIN, that there is created the Elder Abuse Task
19 Force to investigate the effectiveness of current elder
20 protective services and laws, examine barriers to prosecution
21 and strategies to increase public awareness of elder abuse and

1 reporting, study training resources and best practices in other
2 states, and identify a long-range plan to combat elder abuse;
3 and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall consist of the
5 following members who must be appointed within 30 days after
6 the passage of this resolution:

7 (1)The President of the Senate or his designee;

8 (2)The Speaker of the House of Representatives or his
9 designee;

10 (3)The Minority Leader of the Senate or his designee;

11 (4)The Minority Leader of the House of Representatives
12 or his designee;

13 (5)One member appointed by the Director of the
14 Department on Aging;

15 (6)One member appointed by the Director of the
16 Department of Healthcare and Family Services;

17 (7)One member appointed by the Director of the
18 Department of Public Health;

19 (8)One member appointed by the Director of the
20 Department of Financial and Professional Regulation;

21 (9)One member appointed by the Director of the
22 Guardianship and Advocacy Commission;

23 (10)One member appointed by the Attorney General;

24 (11)One member representing area agencies on aging
25 appointed by the Director of the Department on Aging;

1 (12)One member representing the Ombudsman's Office of
2 the Department on Aging appointed by the Director of the
3 Department on Aging;

4 (13)One member representing the Adult Protective
5 Services Office of the Department on Aging appointed by the
6 Director of the Department on Aging;

7 (14)Two members representing two different statewide
8 organizations that advocate on behalf of nursing homes
9 appointed by the President of the Senate;

10 (15)A member representing caregivers in the Community
11 Care Program of the Department on Aging appointed by the
12 Director of the Department on Aging;

13 (16)A member representing a statewide association that
14 advocates on behalf of the banking industry appointed by
15 the Director of the Department on Aging;

16 (17)A member representing the Illinois State Police
17 Medicaid Fraud Control Unit appointed by the Director of
18 the Illinois State Police;

19 (18)A member representing a statewide association that
20 advocates on behalf of law enforcement appointed by the
21 Director of the Department on Aging;

22 (19)A member representing an organization that
23 specializes in providing legal services for persons age 60
24 appointed by the Director of the Department on Aging;

25 (20)A member who is a certified Elderly Service
26 Officer, serving as a law enforcement officer in a county

1 with a population between 250,000 and 275,000 appointed by
2 the Director of the Department on Aging; and

3 (21)A member who is an Assistant State's Attorney in a
4 county with a population between 250,000 and 275,000
5 specializing in the area of crimes against those over the
6 age of 60 appointed by the Director of the Department on
7 Aging; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That Task Force members shall select a
9 Chairperson from among themselves; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That Task Force members shall receive no
11 compensation; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Department on Aging shall provide
13 administrative support to the Task Force; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall hold at least four
15 meetings, and the first meeting must be held within 30 days
16 after appointments are finalized; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the Task Force must report its findings and
18 recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly no
19 later than January 1, 2020, and upon the filing of its report,
20 is dissolved; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
2 delivered to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the
3 House of Representatives, the Minority Leader of the Senate,
4 and the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.