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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois ranked as the fifth worst
3 state in the United States for excessive drinking according to
4 the most recent data; and

5 WHEREAS, Over 20% of Illinoisans binge drank in 2018
6 (defined as having four or more drinks for women and five or
7 more drinks for men on one occasion in the past month); and

8 WHEREAS, Binge drinking in Illinois is higher in rural and
9 suburban areas of the State; and

10 WHEREAS, It is in the best interests of the State that its
11 citizens be healthy and productive and not suffer from
12 excessive drinking or addictions; and

13 WHEREAS, Alcohol abuse prevention programs have been
14 proven to reduce problem drinking; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
17 CONCURRING HEREIN, that there is created the Addiction
18 Prevention Task Force, whose purpose is to study the following:

- 19 (1) Evidence of binge drinking trends in rural and
20 suburban communities;

1 (2) Evidence of chronic drinking trends in rural and
2 suburban communities;

3 (3) Prevention developments and models;

4 (4) Effective prevention and treatment collaboration
5 efforts in Illinois and other states; and

6 (5) Information gained from stakeholders of the
7 relevant communities; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall be comprised of the
9 following members, who shall serve without compensation:

10 (1) Four members from addiction prevention providers
11 recommended by a statewide organization that represents
12 addiction providers, who shall be appointed by the
13 President of the Senate;

14 (2) Four members from behavioral health providers
15 recommended by a statewide organization that represents
16 behavioral health providers, who shall be appointed by the
17 Speaker of the House of Representatives;

18 (3) Four members from private sector child welfare and
19 youth-serving agencies recommended by a statewide
20 organization representing private sector child welfare
21 providers, who shall be appointed by the Minority Leader of
22 the House of Representatives;

23 (4) Four members of local public health departments
24 recommended by a statewide organization representing
25 public health departments, who shall be appointed by the

1 Minority Leader of the Senate;

2 (5) One member from the Department of Public Health,
3 appointed by the Director of Public Health;

4 (6) One member from a higher education teaching
5 institution that awards degrees in the fields of social
6 work, psychiatry, or psychology appointed by the Chair of
7 the Board of Higher Education;

8 (7) One member from statewide organization made up of
9 private sector child welfare providers, who shall be
10 appointed by the Governor;

11 (8) One member from a statewide organization
12 representing suburban area municipalities, who shall be
13 appointed by the Governor;

14 (9) One member from a statewide organization
15 representing rural healthcare providers, who shall be
16 appointed by the Governor;

17 (10) One member from a statewide organization
18 representing rural and downstate areas of the State, who
19 shall be appointed by the Governor; and

20 (11) One member from a statewide organization that
21 represents behavioral health care providers, inclusive of
22 addiction, who shall be appointed by the Governor; and be
23 it further

24 RESOLVED, That if a vacancy occurs on the Task Force, a
25 replacement will be appointed by the Chair; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall meet no less than four
2 times and select a chairperson at their first meeting; and be
3 it further

4 RESOLVED, That in addition to whatever policies or
5 procedures it may adopt, all operations of the Task Force will
6 be subject to the provision of the Illinois Freedom of
7 Information Act (5 ILCS 140/1 et seq.) and the Illinois Open
8 Meeting Act (5 ILCS 120/1 et seq.); and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the Department of Human Services shall
10 provide administrative support to the Task Force; and be it
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall develop
13 recommendations to the General Assembly on strengthening and
14 expanding the statewide addiction prevention system, which
15 shall focus on, but not be limited to, the following:

16 (1) The locations within the State most in need of
17 prevention measures;

18 (2) Which addiction prevention measures are best for
19 addressing problem drinking in rural and suburban areas;

20 (3) What steps should be taken by the General Assembly
21 to address problem drinking; and

22 (4) What level of funding is required to ensure

1 adequate prevention measures are taken to reduce problem
2 drinking by Illinoisans; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall submit its final report
4 to the General Assembly and the Governor no later than June 30,
5 2020, and upon the filing of its report, is dissolved.