



HR0796

LRB102 27097 MST 38508 r

1

HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, A trade school, also known as a technical school  
3 or vocational school, is a postsecondary educational  
4 institution designed to train students for a specific job in a  
5 skilled trade career; a trade school offers high quality  
6 industry-focused training to prepare students for actual work  
7 in their chosen field; trade school programs are entirely  
8 concentrated on relevant job training and developing students'  
9 technical abilities in skilled and mechanical trades; and

10           WHEREAS, For someone looking to enter the skilled  
11 mechanical trades, a technical school offers the practical  
12 training needed for a specific career; this means that every  
13 lesson and assignment prepares students to meet the basic  
14 qualifications for an entry-level job; and

15           WHEREAS, Approximately 412,000 students are enrolled  
16 currently in trade and career schools across the State of  
17 Illinois; and

18           WHEREAS, Programs that focus on trade support local  
19 communities, foster innovation, and drive economic growth by  
20 matching employability skills with workforce demand; and

21           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE

1 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
2 the Task Force on Illinois Trade Schools is created and  
3 charged with studying the following:

4 (1) The benefits of expanding trade schools throughout  
5 Illinois;

6 (2) High school districts in Illinois and their level  
7 of trade curriculum/courses; and

8 (3) The level of interest among students in Illinois  
9 high schools on attending a trade school or beginning work  
10 and not attending a four-year college or university; and  
11 be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Task Force will be comprised of the  
13 following members, who shall serve without compensation:

14 (1) 4 members of the House of Representatives  
15 appointed by the Speaker of the House, one who shall serve  
16 as co-chair;

17 (2) 4 members of the House of Representatives  
18 appointed by the House Minority Leader, one who shall  
19 serve as co-chair;

20 (3) The Executive Director of the Illinois Community  
21 College Board (ICCB) or his or her designee;

22 (4) The State Superintendent of Education (ISBE) or  
23 his or her designee;

24 (5) The Executive Director of the Illinois Board of  
25 Higher Education (IBHE) or his or her designee;

1           (6) 2 members of the Illinois Association for Career  
2           and Technical Education, one each appointed by the Speaker  
3           of the House and the House Minority Leader;

4           (7) 4 members from associations that represent  
5           industry trades, two each appointed by the Speaker of the  
6           House and the House Minority Leader;

7           (8) 2 high school students who are planning on  
8           attending trade schools after graduation, one each  
9           appointed by the Speaker of the House and the House  
10          Minority Leader; and

11          (9) 2 students who are currently enrolled in a trade  
12          school, one each appointed by the Speaker of the House and  
13          the House Minority Leader; and be it further

14          RESOLVED, That the Illinois Board of Higher Education  
15          shall provide administrative support for the Task Force; and  
16          be it further

17          RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall hold its meetings at  
18          the call of the co-chairs; and be it further

19          RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall submit its final  
20          report to the General Assembly no later than December 31, 2022  
21          and upon the filing of the report, is dissolved.