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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Public Safety and Violence Prevention Task
3 Force has met 11 times, beginning with its first meeting on
4 October 25, 2021, and has heard from violence prevention grant
5 recipients of the Department of Human Services and the
6 Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority; and

7 WHEREAS, Between fiscal years 2018 and 2022, the Illinois
8 General Assembly appropriated almost \$450 million for violence
9 prevention grants; and

10 WHEREAS, Violence prevention funding will be increasing
11 again this year; and

12 WHEREAS, Significant amounts of money and resources have
13 been invested into this problem, and while results have been
14 seen, further improvements could be made to how funding is
15 prioritized and distributed; and

16 WHEREAS, Through working together and opening channels of
17 communication, it can be ensured that responsible and
18 qualified parties with violence prevention experience who wish
19 to participate in these programs will be given an opportunity
20 to apply; and

1 WHEREAS, Many worthy opportunities are not being pursued
2 due to lack of awareness; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
4 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
5 we call for agencies to have broader disclosure of
6 non-legislated programs on budget forms; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That we call for data collection and
8 evidence-based practices for violence prevention grantees and
9 for new programs to have a three-year spending plan attached;
10 and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That we call for the creation of a publicly
12 accessible database for government programs, assistance,
13 grantees, and funding that is searchable by the zip code of the
14 area of service; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That we call for agencies to be more targeted
16 with the purpose and location of Notices of Funding
17 Opportunity (NOFOs); and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That we call for the establishment of a task
19 force or commission with experts from the fields of economics,
20 public health, social work, law enforcement, grant
21 distribution, and public policy as well as representatives

1 from government agencies and community organizations to
2 provide policy recommendations to the General Assembly; and be
3 it further

4 RESOLVED, That we direct the Auditor General to perform a
5 general performance audit of grant programs and recipients of
6 violence prevention grants awarded by the Department of Human
7 Services and the Illinois Criminal Justice Information
8 Authority; the performance audit shall be for Fiscal Years
9 2020, 2021, 2022, and continue into Fiscal Year 2023, and
10 should examine:

11 (1) The purposes for which State monies were provided
12 to grant recipients for the violence prevention grants;

13 (2) The nature and extent of monitoring by DHS and
14 ICJIA of how the grant programs used the State provided
15 money and whether certain residential communities of
16 similar crime rates were excluded;

17 (3) The actual use of the State monies by grantees,
18 including the identity of any subrecipients and the
19 amounts and purposes for employment;

20 (4) The number of positions paid through the programs
21 by organizational unit, job title, function, and salary
22 and whether employees completed and filled out appropriate
23 time sheets;

24 (5) The number of positions supervised or managed by
25 each management position and whether any of those

1 employees were supervised or managed by more than one
2 management position;

3 (6) Whether, through a review of available
4 documentation, the programs met or were meeting the
5 purposes for which the State monies were provided, with
6 specific information concerning any measurable impact on
7 reducing crime rates;

8 (7) Whether the programs were in compliance with the
9 applicable laws, regulations, contracts, and grant
10 agreements pertaining to the programs' receipt of State
11 monies; and

12 (8) A determination if the Notice of Funding
13 Opportunities drive at solutions for violence prevention;
14 and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
16 delivered to the Governor, all Illinois constitutional
17 officers, and the directors of all grant-making state
18 agencies.