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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Every child deserves a safe and stable place to
3 call home; and

4 WHEREAS, Many children across the state experience abuse
5 or neglect from their homes; and

6 WHEREAS, The protection of children from physical,
7 emotional, and sexual abuse, exploitation, and neglect is at
8 the core of the duties and fundamental responsibilities of the
9 State; and

10 WHEREAS, Children's Advocacy Centers (CACs) and Court
11 Appointed Special Advocates for Children (CASAs) are essential
12 to providing formal, comprehensive, integrated, and
13 multifaceted approaches to cases of child abuse and neglect;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, It is important that each CAC and CASA receive
16 the funding they need to properly respond to cases of child
17 abuse and neglect; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the Task Force on
20 Children Advocacy Centers and Court Appointed Special

1 Advocates for Children Funding is created to ensure that each
2 CAC and CASA facility receives adequate funding to respond to
3 the number and severity of child abuse and neglect cases in
4 their respective jurisdictions; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall be comprised of the
6 following 14 members, who shall serve without compensation:

7 (1) One member of the Illinois Senate appointed by the
8 Senate President;

9 (2) One member of the Illinois Senate appointed by the
10 Senate Minority Leader;

11 (3) The Illinois Attorney General or his or her
12 designee;

13 (4) The Executive Director of the Illinois Office of
14 Management and Budget or his or her designee;

15 (5) The Director of the Department of Children and
16 Family Services or his or her designee;

17 (6) The Executive Director of The Children's Advocacy
18 Centers of Illinois or his or her designee;

19 (7) The Executive Director of the Illinois Association
20 of Court Appointed Special Advocates or his or her
21 designee;

22 (8) The Executive Director of the Illinois Criminal
23 Justice Information Authority or his or her designee;

24 (9) The Executive Director of an urban, accredited
25 Children's Advocacy Center, appointed by the Senate

1 President;

2 (10) The Executive Director of a suburban, accredited
3 Children's Advocacy Center, appointed by the Senate
4 President;

5 (11) The Executive Director of a rural, accredited
6 Children's Advocacy Center, appointed by the Senate
7 President;

8 (12) The Executive Director of an urban county Court
9 Appointed Special Advocates Center, appointed by the
10 Senate President;

11 (13) The Executive Director of a suburban county Court
12 Appointed Special Advocates Center, appointed by the
13 Senate President; and

14 (14) The Executive Director of a rural county Court
15 Appointed Special Advocates Center, appointed by Illinois
16 Senate President; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the Senate President shall designate a
18 chair and vice-chair from among the Task Force members; and be
19 it further

20 RESOLVED, That the Department of Children and Family
21 Services shall provide administrative support for the Task
22 Force; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall meet over the course

1 of 2022 at the discretion of the chair and shall submit a final
2 report to the General Assembly by December 31, 2022, which
3 shall include a fair funding formula for CACs and CASAs
4 throughout the state; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That upon the filing of its final report, the
6 Task Force is dissolved; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
8 delivered to the Senate President, the Senate Minority Leader,
9 the Executive Director of the Illinois Office of Management
10 and Budget, the Director of the Department of Children and
11 Family Services, and the Illinois Attorney General.