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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, City of Chicago School District 299 is one of the
3 only school districts in this State with an appointed, not an
4 elected, school board; and

5 WHEREAS, For 15 years, City of Chicago School District 299
6 has implemented a staggering number of reforms, including
7 probation, student retention, school closings, charters,
8 turnarounds, and the wholesale firing of 1,300 educators in the
9 summer of 2011; and

10 WHEREAS, Many of these reforms are controversial and
11 require a robust democratic discussion and decision-making
12 process; and

13 WHEREAS, For the past 15 years, citizens have had little to
14 no voice in school policy; and

15 WHEREAS, All children must be able to walk across the
16 street to receive a world class education; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
18 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
19 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that the Chicago Educational
20 Governance Task Force is created for the purpose of

1 recommending the best structure and procedure for the
2 governance of City of Chicago School District 299 in order to
3 protect the welfare of the students of the City of Chicago; and
4 be it further

5 RESOLVED, That The Task Force shall be composed of the
6 following members:

7 (1) two members each appointed by the Speaker of the
8 House of Representatives and the Minority Leader of the
9 House of Representatives, at least one of whom must either
10 be a member of the Elementary & Secondary Education
11 Committee or a member whose representative district
12 includes a portion of City of Chicago School District 299;

13 (2) two members each appointed by the President of the
14 Senate and the Minority Leader of the Senate, at least one
15 of whom must either be a member of the Education Committee
16 or a member whose legislative district includes a portion
17 of City of Chicago School District 299;

18 (3) two representatives of Chicago school community
19 organizations with past involvement in school governance
20 issues, appointed by the Speaker of the House of
21 Representatives;

22 (4) two representatives of Chicago school community
23 organizations with past involvement in school governance
24 issues, appointed by the President of the Senate;

25 (5) the Chief Executive Officer of City of Chicago

1 School District 299 or her or his designee;

2 (6) the President of the Chicago Board of Education or
3 her or his designee;

4 (7) the President of the Chicago Teachers Union or his
5 or her designee;

6 (8) the president of the association representing
7 principals in the schools of the district or his or her
8 designee; and

9 (9) the student representative from the Chicago Board
10 of Education or his or her designee; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the Speaker of the House of Representatives
12 shall appoint one of the appointed House members as a
13 co-chairperson of the Chicago Educational Governance Task
14 Force, and the President of the Senate shall appoint one of the
15 appointed Senate members as a co-chairperson of the Chicago
16 Educational Governance Task Force; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That members appointed by the legislative
18 leaders shall be appointed for the duration of the Chicago
19 Educational Governance Task Force; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That in the event of a vacancy, the appointment
21 to fill the vacancy shall be made by the legislative leader of
22 the same chamber and party as the leader who made the original
23 appointment; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That the members of the Task Force shall serve on
2 a pro bono basis; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That the members of the Task Force shall aid in
4 the gathering of pertinent information on the impact of various
5 school governance structures, including without limitation an
6 elected representative school board and mayoral control, as
7 well as gathering and analyzing data about the district's
8 current governance structure; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall report its
10 recommendation as to which governance structure is best
11 designed to serve the students of the City of Chicago to the
12 General Assembly on or before May 30, 2012; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 delivered to the Chief Executive Officer of City of Chicago
15 School District 299, the Chicago Board of Education, and the
16 President of the Chicago Teachers Union.