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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION 550

2 WHEREAS, Virtually every week there are media reports of
3 tragedies and crimes involving handguns; and

4 WHEREAS, The illegal influx of firearms into the State of
5 Illinois causes risk and harm to law enforcement officers and
6 to the law-abiding residents of Illinois; and

7 WHEREAS, Individuals who are not legally authorized to
8 possess firearms in Illinois commit crimes with guns that
9 result in murders, serious injuries, and significant property
10 losses; and

11 WHEREAS, Although there are exceptions related to law
12 enforcement and private security functions, the State of
13 Illinois at this time does not have a law permitting the
14 concealed carry of a handgun; and

15 WHEREAS, The general public and members of the General
16 Assembly could benefit from a study of how a change in the law
17 in Illinois to permit the concealed carry of a handgun could be
18 expected to impact communities, law enforcement, the illegal
19 influx of firearms into the State, and the nature and number of
20 serious gun crimes; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
3 there is created the Firearm Public Awareness Task Force; and
4 be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the task force is charged with finding and
6 analyzing data from states that have concealed carry laws,
7 especially those states with significant similarities to
8 Illinois; the inquiry and study should include information
9 about the types and number of crimes involving handguns before
10 and after the date that a concealed carry law went into effect
11 in each state and particularly for the following categories:
12 violent gun crimes; suicides by firearm; number of guns, or gun
13 owners, legally registered; number of registered guns stolen or
14 number of guns stolen from registered gun owners; and be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That the task force should additionally gather
17 information from similar states with concealed carry laws
18 concerning: the number and nature of serious crimes committed
19 by persons who were lawfully carrying a concealed weapon at the
20 time of the crime; and the number of people killed or injured
21 when a person who was lawfully carrying a concealed weapon used
22 the concealed weapon or made known to the assailant that he or
23 she was carrying a concealed weapon; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That the task force should also consider, if a
2 concealed carry law is passed in Illinois, how public safety
3 could be maintained, whether a change in the law would create a
4 need for police sensitivity training, and what type of public
5 information campaign about a concealed carry law would be
6 appropriate; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the task force shall be comprised of the
8 following members, all of whom shall serve without
9 compensation:

10 (1) five representatives appointed by the Speaker of
11 the House of Representatives;

12 (2) five representatives appointed by the Minority
13 Leader of the House of Representatives;

14 (3) a representative of the Department of State Police
15 appointed by the Director of the Department;

16 (4) a representative of the Cook County Sheriff's
17 office appointed by the Cook County Sheriff;

18 (5) a representative of the Illinois State's
19 Attorneys' Association appointed by the head of that
20 organization;

21 (6) a representative of the Illinois Fraternal Order of
22 Police appointed by the head of that organization;

23 (7) a representative of the Illinois Sheriffs'
24 Association appointed by the head of that organization;

25 (8) a representative of The National Rifle Association

1 of America appointed by the head of that organization;

2 (9) a representative of the Illinois State Rifle
3 Association appointed by the head of that organization;

4 (10) a representative of the Illinois Council Against
5 Handgun Violence appointed by the head of that
6 organization;

7 (11) a representative from the Illinois Firearms
8 Manufacturers Association appointed by the head of that
9 organization;

10 (12) a representative of the Cook County State's
11 Attorney's office appointed by the Cook County State's
12 Attorney; and

13 (13) an individual who advocates for victims of gun
14 violence appointed by the Speaker of the House of
15 Representatives; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the Speaker shall designate a member of the
17 task force to serve as the chairperson; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the Department of State Police shall provide
19 administrative and other support to the task force for no more
20 than 3 meetings; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the task force shall hold public hearings
22 and shall issue a written report of its findings and
23 recommendations to the General Assembly on or before March 1,

1 2012; and that upon filing its report the task force is
2 dissolved.