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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The desire to maintain and enhance fire prevention
3 and safety standards is a primary concern to the General
4 Assembly; and

5 WHEREAS, There are many effective fire prevention and fire
6 safety systems and techniques available in the State of
7 Illinois; and

8 WHEREAS, State and local rules and regulations related to
9 the implementation of fire safety systems are varied and
10 sometimes in conflict; and

11 WHEREAS, It is in the best interest of the people of the
12 State of Illinois to implement the most effective methods of
13 fire prevention and fire safety; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
16 CONCURRING HEREIN, that there is created the Task Force on Fire
17 Prevention and Fire Safety Education, consisting of 23 members
18 appointed as follows:

19 (1) one member of the Senate appointed by the President of
20 the Senate, who shall serve as a co-chairperson of the Task
21 Force;

1 (2) one member of the Senate appointed by the Minority
2 Leader of the Senate;

3 (3) one member of the House of Representatives appointed by
4 the Speaker of the House of Representatives, who shall
5 serve as a co-chairperson of the Task Force;

6 (4) one member of the House of Representatives appointed by
7 the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives;

8 (5) two members of the general public appointed jointly by
9 the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
10 Representatives;

11 (6) one member appointed by the Illinois State Fire
12 Marshal;

13 (7) one member appointed jointly by the President of the
14 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives,
15 representing a statewide association of fire chiefs;

16 (8) one member appointed jointly by the President of the
17 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives,
18 representing a statewide association of firefighters;

19 (9) one member appointed jointly by the President of the
20 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives,
21 representing a northern Illinois advisory board focused on
22 fire sprinkler education;

23 (10) one member appointed jointly by the President of the
24 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives,
25 representing the Joint Labor and Management Committee
26 created under the Fire Department Promotion Act;

1 (11) one member appointed by the Mayor of the City of
2 Chicago;

3 (12) one member appointed jointly by the President of the
4 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives,
5 representing a statewide organization representing
6 municipalities;

7 (13) one member appointed jointly by the President of the
8 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives,
9 representing a statewide association of realtors;

10 (14) one member appointed jointly by the President of the
11 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives,
12 representing a statewide association of home construction
13 contractors;

14 (15) one member appointed jointly by the President of the
15 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives,
16 representing a statewide association of the pipe trades;

17 (16) one member appointed jointly by the President of the
18 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives,
19 representing a statewide labor organization representing
20 more than one international union;

21 (17) one member appointed jointly by the President of the
22 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives,
23 representing a nationwide association dedicated to fire,
24 electrical, and building safety;

25 (18) one member appointed jointly by the President of the
26 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives,

1 representing a single statewide association of
2 condominium, townhouse, and homeowner associations;

3 (19) one member appointed jointly by the President of the
4 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives,
5 representing a Chicago-based organization of building
6 owners and managers;

7 (20) one member appointed jointly by the President of the
8 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives,
9 representing a statewide association of apartment building
10 owners and managers in the Chicago area;

11 (21) one member appointed jointly by the President of the
12 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives,
13 representing a statewide association of the insurance
14 trade; and

15 (22) one member appointed by the Executive Director of the
16 Illinois Finance Authority; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That all appointments to the Task Force shall be
18 made as soon as practicable after the adoption of this
19 resolution; vacancies in the Task Force shall be filled by
20 their respective appointing authorities within 30 days after
21 the vacancy occurs; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That the members shall serve without
23 compensation; the Task Force may employ skilled experts with
24 the approval of the co-chairpersons and shall receive the

1 cooperation of any State agencies it deems appropriate to
2 assist the Task Force in carrying out its duties; and be it
3 further

4 RESOLVED, That the members of the Task Force shall be
5 considered members with voting rights; a quorum of the Task
6 Force shall consist of a simple majority of the members of the
7 Task Force; the Task Force shall meet initially at the call of
8 the co-chairpersons, no later than 90 days after the adoption
9 of this resolution, and shall thereafter meet at the call of
10 the co-chairpersons; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the Office of the State Fire Marshal shall
12 provide administrative and other support to the Task Force; and
13 be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall research, analyze, and
15 consider:

16 (1) the benefits of legislation requiring fire sprinkler
17 systems in homes, places of employment, and highrise
18 buildings;

19 (2) the costs and benefits of fire sprinkler systems,
20 hard-wired smoke detectors, and public education about
21 fire drills and other prevention education measures;

22 (3) the actions of other states pertaining to fire
23 sprinklers, including but not limited to long-term

- 1 financing options;
- 2 (4) the actions of units of local government pertaining to
- 3 fire sprinkler mandates and other options or alternatives
- 4 to mandates;
- 5 (5) insurance benefits and discounts for structures with
- 6 fire sprinkler systems;
- 7 (6) code interpretations between State agencies and units
- 8 of local government;
- 9 (7) collaboration by governmental bodies to explore
- 10 assistance options available to property owners and
- 11 renters wishing to install fire sprinkler systems; and
- 12 (8) the creation of legislative recommendations to the
- 13 General Assembly; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall summarize its findings

15 and recommendations in a report to the General Assembly on or

16 before March 1, 2015.