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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION 559

2 WHEREAS, The boundaries of the 67th Representative  
3 District are generally in the City of Rockford extending to the  
4 southwest; and

5 WHEREAS, The 67th Representative District has a voting-age  
6 population of over 108,000 people of various ethnic and  
7 socio-economic backgrounds; and

8 WHEREAS, Violent crime is a serious problem in the City of  
9 Rockford; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
11 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
12 there is created the Rockford Violent Crime Task Force within  
13 the Illinois Department of State Police, to consist of the  
14 following:

- 15 (1) the Governor, or his or her designee;
- 16 (2) the Mayor of the City of Rockford, or his or her  
17 designee;
- 18 (3) the Illinois Attorney General, or his or her  
19 designee;
- 20 (4) a member of an association representing State's  
21 Attorneys appointed by the Governor;
- 22 (5) a member of a Winnebago County legal association

1 appointed by the Governor;

2 (6) a member of the Winnebago County Violent Crime Task  
3 Force appointed by the members of the Winnebago County  
4 Violent Crime Task Force;

5 (7) two members of the Illinois House of  
6 Representatives chosen by the Speaker of the Illinois House  
7 of Representatives, one of whom shall serve as co-chair;

8 (8) two members of the Illinois House of  
9 Representatives chosen by the Minority Leader of the  
10 Illinois House of Representatives, one of whom shall serve  
11 as co-chair;

12 (9) the President of the Student Government  
13 Association at Rock Valley College;

14 (10) the Director of State Police, or his or her  
15 designee;

16 (11) the Director of Corrections, or his or her  
17 designee, who must:

18 (A) be from the Division of Parole;

19 (B) be an active field agent; and

20 (C) possess at least a master's degree in criminal  
21 justice or criminology;

22 (12) a faculty member of the Sociology Department at  
23 Rock Valley College appointed by the President of Rock  
24 Valley College;

25 (13) a faculty member of the Criminal Justice program  
26 at Rock Valley College appointed by the President of Rock

1 Valley College; and

2 (14) a representative of an organization representing  
3 Rockford-area businesses appointed by the Mayor of the City  
4 of Rockford; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That all appointments shall be made no later than  
6 45 days following the adoption of this resolution; and be it  
7 further

8 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall hold its first meeting  
9 no later than 90 days following the adoption of the resolution;  
10 and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall study and determine the  
12 causes of violent crime in Rockford and nearby affected  
13 communities; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall study and determine the  
15 feasibility of deploying the Illinois State Police to Rockford  
16 and nearby affected communities and neighborhoods; and be it  
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall review and analyze the  
19 Illinois State Police's headcount and minimum staffing levels,  
20 calls for service, annual overtime cost, and other factors that  
21 would be relevant to an Illinois State Police presence in the

1 Rockford community; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall develop a comprehensive  
3 long-term solution to the effect of violent crime in Rockford  
4 and nearby affected communities; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall recommend a plan of  
6 action to substantially reduce the incidents of violent crime  
7 in Rockford and nearby affected communities; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall draft any necessary  
9 legislation and make any necessary recommendations for  
10 appropriations for the General Assembly to pass and the  
11 Governor to sign to place the plan of action into immediate  
12 effect; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall report its findings and  
14 recommendations and submit any and all proposed legislation to  
15 the Governor and General Assembly on or before December 31,  
16 2016; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the members of the Task Force shall serve  
18 without compensation; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of State Police  
20 shall provide administrative and other support to the Task

1 Force; and be it further

2       RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be presented to  
3 the Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives, the  
4 Minority Leader of the Illinois House of Representatives, the  
5 Governor of the State of Illinois, and the Director of State  
6 Police.