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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The transportation of elementary and secondary
3 education students is an important public policy issue; and

4 WHEREAS, Whether or not a school district in Illinois may
5 use a multi-function school activity bus for transportation is
6 continually up for debate; and

7 WHEREAS, There is a need for accurate and consistent
8 information regarding the legal and appropriate mode of
9 transportation of students in Kindergarten through 12th grade
10 which is made available to administrators, educators, parents,
11 and transportation companies; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
14 CONCURRING HEREIN, that there is created the Task Force on
15 Modes of School Transportation for Elementary and Secondary
16 Education, consisting of members appointed as follows:

17 (1) the State Superintendent of Education or his or her
18 designee;

19 (2) the Secretary of State or his or her designee;

1 (3) the Secretary of the Illinois Department of
2 Transportation or his or her designee;

3 (4) a member of the Senate appointed by the President of
4 the Senate;

5 (5) a member of the Senate appointed by the Minority Leader
6 of the Senate;

7 (6) a member of the House appointed by the Speaker of the
8 House;

9 (7) a member of the House appointed by the Minority Leader
10 of the House;

11 (8) a representative of ED-RED;

12 (9) a representative of the Illinois Association of Private
13 Special Education Centers;

14 (10) a representative of the Illinois Association of
15 Regional Superintendents of Schools;

16 (11) a representative of the Illinois Education
17 Association;

1 (12) a representative of the Illinois Federation of
2 Teachers;

3 (13) a representative of the Illinois School
4 Transportation Association;

5 (14) a representative of the Large Unit District
6 Association;

7 (15) a representative of the Legislative Education Network
8 of DuPage (LEND);

9 (16) a representative of the South Cooperative
10 Organization for Public Education (SCOPE);

11 (17) a representative from a statewide organization
12 representing principals;

13 (18) a representative from a statewide organization
14 representing superintendents;

15 (19) a representative from a statewide organization
16 representing school board members; and

17 (20) a representative from a statewide organization
18 representing school business officials; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That the Task Force on Modes of School
2 Transportation for Elementary and Secondary Education shall:

3 (1) be chaired by the Superintendent of the State Board of
4 Education or his or her designee;

5 (2) conduct a thorough review of existing State and federal
6 law regarding the use of the various modes to transport
7 elementary and secondary education students;

8 (3) develop concise and consistent information to be
9 communicated by the State Board of Education, the Illinois
10 Department of Transportation, and the Secretary of State to
11 the public about the legal means by which elementary and
12 secondary education students may be transported such as:

13 a) the type of vehicle and the required equipment to
14 transport elementary and secondary education
15 students;

16 b) the allowed purpose of the transportation and any
17 other limits of transportation of elementary and
18 secondary education students by vehicle type;

19 c) the type of drivers license required to transport

1 elementary and secondary education students; and

2 d) the requirements for driver licensing and vehicle
3 licensing and inspection; and

4 (4) make recommendations to the State Board of Education
5 and the Illinois General Assembly regarding the safe
6 transportation of elementary and secondary education
7 students in our State; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the Task Force on the Modes of School
9 Transportation for Elementary and Secondary Education shall
10 seek input from stakeholders and members of the public on the
11 issues to be reviewed and reported on by the Task Force; and be
12 it further

13 RESOLVED, That members of the Task Force on Modes of School
14 Transportation for Elementary and Secondary Education shall
15 serve without compensation, and the State Board of Education
16 shall provide administrative and other support to the Task
17 Force; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the Task Force on Modes of School
19 Transportation for Elementary and Secondary Education shall
20 meet at the request of the Task Force Chair, but shall meet a
21 minimum of four times prior to September 1, 2017; and be it

1 further

2 RESOLVED, That the Task Force on Modes of School
3 Transportation for Elementary and Secondary Education shall
4 present its legislative and administrative recommendations to
5 the President of the Senate, the Minority Leader of the Senate,
6 the Speaker of the House, and the Minority Leader of the House
7 no later than September 1, 2017.