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1                                    AMENDMENT TO SENATE RESOLUTION 175

2            AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_ . Amend Senate Resolution 175 by replacing  
3 everything after the heading with the following:

4            "WHEREAS, Grand juries have always had the responsibility  
5 of investigating, indicting, and prosecuting persons who  
6 violate the criminal laws of the State of Illinois; and

7            WHEREAS, In light of recent events around the country,  
8 members of the public have lost confidence in the criminal  
9 justice system and the grand jury process; and

10            WHEREAS, The General Assembly finds that the grand jury  
11 process utilized in this State should be reviewed to ensure the  
12 impartiality and effectiveness of the process; therefore, be it

13            RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL  
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the Grand Jury Review

1 Task Force is created to review the current grand jury process  
2 and suggest reforms to the General Assembly; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall consist of the  
4 following members:

5 (1) One member appointed by the President of the  
6 Senate, who shall serve as co-chairperson;

7 (2) One member appointed by the Senate Minority Leader,  
8 who shall serve as co-chairperson;

9 (3) The Director of the Illinois Criminal Justice  
10 Information Authority, or his or her designee;

11 (4) The Director of the Illinois Office of the State's  
12 Attorney Appellate Prosecutor, or his or her designee;

13 (5) The State Appellate Defender, or his or her  
14 designee;

15 (6) The Executive Director of the Illinois State Bar  
16 Association, or his or her designee;

17 (7) The President of the Chicago Bar Association, or  
18 his or her designee;

19 (8) The President of the American Civil Liberties Union  
20 of Illinois, or his or her designee;

21 (9) The President of the Chicago Innocence Project, or  
22 his or her designee;

23 (10) The President of the Illinois Press Association,  
24 or his or her designee;

25 (11) One law professor, appointed by the Senate

1 Minority Leader;

2 (12) One retired judge, appointed by the President of  
3 the Senate;

4 (13) Four members representing advocacy groups  
5 involved in criminal justice, two of which are to be  
6 appointed by the President of the Senate and two to be  
7 appointed by the Senate Minority Leader;

8 (14) Four members of the public, two of which are to be  
9 appointed by the President of the Senate and two to be  
10 appointed by the Senate Minority Leader; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall meet regularly and hold  
12 public hearings at the call of the co-chairpersons to receive  
13 testimony regarding the grand jury process and any suggested  
14 reforms; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Criminal Justice Information  
16 Authority shall provide administrative support and technical  
17 assistance, as well as meeting space, to the Task Force; and be  
18 it further

19 RESOLVED, That the Grand Jury Review Task Force shall  
20 submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the  
21 General Assembly and the Governor on or before December 31,  
22 2015; the report shall, at a minimum, include:

23 (1) A summary of the current grand jury process;

1           (2) Any and all deficiencies discovered within the  
2           current grand jury process;

3           (3) Recommendations to improve the grand jury process;

4           (4) A recommendation advising whether grand jury  
5           proceedings shall remain closed to the public;

6           (5) A recommendation advising whether certain portions  
7           of grand jury proceedings should be subject to the Freedom  
8           of Information Act; and

9           (6) A recommendation regarding whether an expanded use  
10          of preliminary hearings would advance the same goals as the  
11          grand jury process; and be it further

12          RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall also work with the  
13          Legislative Reference Bureau to draft any legislation needed to  
14          implement its recommendations.".