

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION 399

2 WHEREAS, Inner-city elementary and secondary schools
3 often serve low-income students and those students often
4 continue to fail throughout their educational careers; and

5 WHEREAS, Inner-city schools have never been fully funded
6 and, as a result, lack the resources necessary to improve
7 instruction in inner-city schools and help low-income
8 students meet their potential; and

9 WHEREAS, In order to encourage the growth of industry in
10 urban areas, a well-educated and competitive workforce is
11 needed; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
13 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
14 there is created a legislative task force consisting of 10
15 members appointed as follows: 5 members of the House of
16 Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of
17 Representatives and 5 members of the House of Representatives
18 appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of
19 Representatives, all of whom shall serve without compensation
20 but shall be reimbursed for their reasonable and necessary
21 expenses from funds appropriated for that purpose; and be it
22 further

23 RESOLVED, That the task force shall (i) review
24 educational programs being used throughout the United States
25 to improve instruction in elementary and secondary school
26 classrooms located in inner-city schools that are populated
27 by low-income children; (ii) evaluate those programs and
28 determine which are the most successful; (iii) determine the
29 cost of implementing those programs in Illinois schools; (iv)
30 determine what changes in tax policy are needed to provide
31 adequate resources to all schools in order to meet the
32 educational standards of the State Board of Education, the

1 Board of Higher Education, and the Illinois Community College
2 Board; (v) determine what changes are needed in tax policy in
3 those areas of Illinois where schools are underfunded and
4 ill-equipped to produce students who are competitive in a
5 technology-based society; and (vi) determine how tax policy
6 changes can be used to revitalize urban land and property and
7 to build industry in urban area; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the task force shall receive the
9 assistance of legislative staff, may employ skilled experts
10 with the approval of the Speaker of the House, and shall
11 report its findings to the General Assembly on or before
12 April 30, 2002; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That upon reporting its findings to the General
14 Assembly, the task force is dissolved.