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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 17

2 (As Amended by Senate Amendment No. 1)

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

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

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

13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
15 CONCURRING HEREIN, that there is created the Task Force on
16 Modes of School Transportation for Elementary and Secondary
17 Education, consisting of the following:

18 (1) the State Superintendent of Education or his or her
19 designee, who shall serve as Chair of the Task Force;

20 (2) the Lieutenant Governor or his or her designee;

21 (3) the Secretary of State or his or her designee;

22 (4) the Secretary of Transportation or his or her designee;

1 (5) one member of the General Assembly, appointed by the
2 President of the Senate;

3 (6) one member of the General Assembly, appointed by the
4 Minority Leader of the Senate;

5 (7) one member of the General Assembly, appointed by the
6 Speaker of the House of Representatives;

7 (8) one member of the General Assembly, appointed by the
8 Minority Leader of the House of Representatives;

9 (9) a representative of a statewide association
10 representing school board members, appointed by the State
11 Superintendent of Education;

12 (10) a representative of an association representing
13 private special education centers, appointed by the State
14 Superintendent of Education;

15 (11) a representative of a statewide association
16 representing regional superintendents of schools, appointed by
17 the State Superintendent of Education;

18 (12) a representative of a statewide association
19 representing teachers, appointed by the State Superintendent
20 of Education;

21 (13) a representative of a different statewide association
22 representing teachers, appointed by the State Superintendent
23 of Education;

24 (14) a representative of an association representing
25 teachers in a city with 500,000 or more inhabitants, appointed
26 by the State Superintendent of Education;

1 (15) a representative of an association representing
2 private contractors providing school transportation, appointed
3 by the State Superintendent of Education;

4 (16) a representative of an association representing large
5 unit school districts, appointed by the State Superintendent of
6 Education;

7 (17) a representative of a statewide association
8 representing principals, appointed by the State Superintendent
9 of Education;

10 (18) a representative of a statewide association
11 representing school administrators, appointed by the State
12 Superintendent of Education;

13 (19) a representative of a statewide association
14 representing high school districts, appointed by the State
15 Superintendent of Education;

16 (20) a representative of an association representing
17 school boards, appointed by the State Superintendent of
18 Education; and

19 (21) a representative of an association representing
20 suburban school districts, appointed by the State
21 Superintendent of Education; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall:

23 (1) conduct a thorough review of existing State and federal
24 law regarding the use of the various modes to transport
25 elementary and secondary education students;

1 (2) develop concise and consistent information to be
2 considered for use by the State Board of Education, the
3 Department of Transportation, and the Secretary of State to
4 inform the public about the legal means by which elementary and
5 secondary education students may be transported, including,
6 but not limited to:

7 (A) the type of vehicle and the required equipment to
8 transport elementary and secondary education students;

9 (B) the allowed purpose of the transportation and any
10 other limits of transportation of elementary and secondary
11 education students by vehicle type;

12 (C) the type of driver's license required to transport
13 elementary and secondary education students; and

14 (D) the requirements for driver licensing and vehicle
15 licensing and inspection; and

16 (3) make recommendations to the State Board of Education
17 and the General Assembly regarding the safe transportation of
18 elementary and secondary education students in our State; and
19 be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall seek input from
21 stakeholders and members of the public on the issues to be
22 reviewed and reported on by the Task Force; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That members of the Task Force shall serve
24 without compensation, and the State Board of Education shall

1 provide administrative and other support to the Task Force; and
2 be it further

3 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall meet at the request of
4 the Task Force Chair, but shall meet a minimum of 4 times prior
5 to December 15, 2017; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall present its legislative
7 and administrative recommendations to the Governor and the
8 General Assembly no later than December 15, 2017; and be it
9 further

10 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall be dissolved after
11 submitting its recommendations to the Governor and the General
12 Assembly.