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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 64

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Joint Resolution 64 by
3 replacing everything after the heading with the following:

4 "WHEREAS, All children in Illinois are entitled to the
5 facilities and resources needed for a high-quality education;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Illinois charter public school law does not
8 contain a provision for charter public school facilities
9 funding; and

10 WHEREAS, Charter public schools in this State have limited
11 access to capital funds for facilities from local or state
12 sources, making it difficult to secure adequate and affordable
13 facilities; and

14 WHEREAS, Charter public schools have confronted this

1 problem by either paying rent to operate in a district-run
2 facility or paying for independent facilities out of their
3 general operating funds; and

4 WHEREAS, This produces inequity between charter public
5 schools and district-run schools in terms of the proportion of
6 funds available for direct classroom instruction; and

7 WHEREAS, Eleven jurisdictions (Arizona, California,
8 Colorado, Florida, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Mexico,
9 Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Utah, and Washington D.C.) currently
10 offer facilities support for charter public schools;
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
14 CONCURRING HEREIN, that the Task Force on Charter Public School
15 Facilities is created to examine charter public school
16 facilities issues, including the following:

17 (1) An analysis of the current capital funds and
18 facilities provisions in the Illinois Charter Schools Law
19 for the purpose of ensuring equitable access;

20 (2) A comparative analysis of charter public school
21 facilities funding and access across the United States; and

22 (3) Recommendations for ensuring that charter public
23 schools have equitable access to safe and appropriate

1 facilities; and be it further

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

4 (1) one member appointed by the President of the
5 Senate;

6 (2) one member appointed by the Minority Leader of the
7 Senate;

8 (3) one member appointed by the Speaker of the House of
9 Representatives;

10 (4) one member appointed by the Minority Leader of the
11 House of Representatives;

12 (5) the State Superintendent of Education or his or her
13 designee;

14 (6) the chief executive officer of a school district in
15 a city having a population exceeding 500,000 or his or her
16 designee;

17 (7) one member appointed by the Speaker of the House of
18 Representatives, upon recommendation of an organization
19 representing teachers in a school district in a city having
20 a population exceeding 500,000;

21 (8) one member appointed by the President of the
22 Senate, upon recommendation of the largest statewide
23 organization representing teachers;

24 (9) one member appointed by the Governor, upon
25 recommendation of a statewide organization representing

1 charter public schools in this State;

2 (10) a principal of a currently operating,
3 high-performing charter public school in this State,
4 appointed by the State Superintendent of Education;

5 (11) one member appointed by the Minority Leader of the
6 Senate, upon recommendation of the largest charter public
7 school in this State;

8 (12) one member appointed by the Governor who is a
9 representative of a community organization that operates
10 charter public schools, upon recommendation of that
11 community organization;

12 (13) one member appointed by the Minority Leader of the
13 House of Representatives, upon recommendation of an
14 organization representing the business community in this
15 State;

16 (14) one member appointed by the Governor, upon
17 recommendation of an education advocacy group that
18 organizes parents and supports high-quality public-school
19 options, including high-quality public charter schools;

20 (15) one member appointed by the state superintendent
21 representing one of the ten currently operating
22 Commission-approved charter public schools in this State,
23 upon recommendation of the leadership of the
24 Commission-approved charter public schools;

25 (16) one member appointed by the Governor, upon
26 recommendation of a large, non-profit community

1 development financial institution (CDFI) in Illinois that
2 provides or has provided specialized loans, real estate
3 development, and additional forms of financial assistance
4 to charter public schools in this State; and

5 (17) one member appointed by the state superintendent
6 who represents a charter school outside of the City of
7 Chicago; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the members of the Task Force shall elect a
9 chairperson from among their membership and that the State
10 Charter School Commission shall provide administrative
11 support; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the members of the Task Force shall be
13 appointed within 30 days after the adoption of this resolution
14 and shall begin meeting no later than 30 days after the
15 appointments are finalized; in the event the appointments by
16 the Governor are not made within 30 days after the adoption of
17 this resolution, the State Superintendent shall make such
18 appointments within 15 days of the appointment deadline; and be
19 it further

20 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall issue a report making
21 recommendations on any changes to State laws with regard to
22 charter public school facilities access on or before January 1,
23 2019, and that the Task Force shall be dissolved upon issuance

1 of this report; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That the report filed with the General Assembly
3 shall be filed with the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk
4 of the House of Representatives in electronic form only, in the
5 manner that the Secretary and Clerk shall direct; and be it
6 further

7 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
8 delivered to the Governor, the State Superintendent of
9 Education, the State Charter School Commission, and the Chief
10 Executive Officer of the City of Chicago School District 299."