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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Illinois State Police and local law
3 enforcement agencies operating in the State of Illinois should
4 be using their gang databases appropriately to identify and
5 target known gang activities; and

6 WHEREAS, Labeling a person as a gang member can result in
7 adverse effects on someone's life and has led to assumptions
8 being made about our young people who have done nothing wrong;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, These lists should not be used to target or
11 intimidate the citizens in our communities, and should solely
12 be used as a tool to keep our law enforcement agents safe; and

13 WHEREAS, Individuals from our communities should not be
14 added to the shared gang and gang databases erroneously and
15 should only be added if they pose a threat to public safety;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Giving our law enforcement agencies the most
18 up-to-date tools necessary for targeting people who aim to do
19 harm in our communities is of the utmost importance; and

20 WHEREAS, Gang databases have been established to provide

1 identifying information about violent criminal gangs and
2 members of those gangs to law enforcement personnel; and

3 WHEREAS, Gang member information serves to warn law
4 enforcement officers of the potential danger posed by violent
5 individuals, and promote the exchange of information about gang
6 groups and gang members to facilitate criminal investigations;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Since gang member information is based, in part,
9 on investigative information not previously subject to
10 independent judicial review, strict adherence to policy on the
11 access, use, dissemination, and security of gang information is
12 necessary to ensure that individuals' constitutional rights,
13 civil liberties, civil rights, and privacy interests are
14 protected; and

15 WHEREAS, Law enforcement agencies should have standards of
16 practice surrounding the issue of adding people to gang
17 databases; and

18 WHEREAS, Law enforcement agencies should review the people
19 who have been added to their gang database list and try to find
20 a reasonable way to remove people that should not be on them;
21 therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the Illinois Criminal
3 Justice Information Authority (ICJIA) is directed to conduct a
4 review of the shared gang databases operating in Illinois; and
5 be it further

6 RESOLVED, That this review should identify which law
7 enforcement agencies use the shared gang and gang databases and
8 the policies surrounding their use; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the ICJIA shall commence this review as soon
10 as is practical and report its findings by January 9, 2019; and
11 be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the report filed with the General Assembly
13 shall be filed with the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk
14 of the House of Representatives in electronic form only, in the
15 manner that the Secretary and Clerk shall direct; and be it
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 delivered to the ICJIA.