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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, In its legislative declaration, the Charter
3 Schools Law states that the purpose of charter schools in this
4 State is to improve pupil learning, increase learning
5 opportunities for all children, with special emphasis on
6 expanding options for at-risk pupils, encourage innovation,
7 parental engagement, community involvement, and expanded
8 public school options, create new professional opportunities
9 for teachers, and hold charter schools accountable; and

10 WHEREAS, The vast majority of students enrolled in charter
11 schools across this State come from low-income families and are
12 minorities, potentially making charter schools a key component
13 in the effort to close the achievement gaps that persist; and

14 WHEREAS, In authorizing Public Act 100-465, the General
15 Assembly created a new evidence-based funding system to provide
16 all students in the State of Illinois with a high quality
17 education; and

18 WHEREAS, Public Act 100-465 includes a goal to reduce, with
19 a goal of eliminating, the achievement gap between at-risk and
20 non-at-risk students by raising the performance of at-risk
21 students while not reducing standards; and

1 WHEREAS, Charter schools authorized by the State Charter
2 School Commission are supported by State funds otherwise due to
3 the local school district; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
5 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
6 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that the Task Force on the Funding of
7 Commission-authorized Charter Schools is created to:

8 (1)Examine the current funding provision in the
9 Charter Schools Law for the purpose of ensuring funding
10 equity, including but not limited to the range of funding
11 available to commission-authorized charter schools and the
12 source of the funds;

13 (2)Examine the current funding provisions in the
14 Charter Schools Law and their impact on the local school
15 district following the evidence-based funding provisions
16 of Public Act 100-465 in light of the legislative purpose
17 and intent behind that legislation;

18 (3)Review the effect of the commission-authorized
19 charter schools on the students served by the charter, the
20 students in the home school district, and the home school
21 district's budget, with a focus upon the expansion in
22 facilities, operations, and personnel costs associated
23 with the creation of the charter school; and

24 (4)Examine the role of the local school district in
25 the renewal process for the commission-authorized charter

1 schools; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall consist of the
3 following members, who shall serve without compensation:

4 (1) One member appointed by the Speaker of the House of
5 Representatives;

6 (2) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the
7 House of Representatives;

8 (3) One member appointed by the President of the
9 Senate;

10 (4) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the
11 Senate;

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

14 (6) The Superintendent/Chief Executive Officer or his
15 or her designee of each school district currently having a
16 commission-authorized charter school;

17 (7) One member, appointed by the Governor, upon the
18 recommendation of the chief executive officer or his or her
19 designee of each commission-authorized charter school,
20 except that, where multiple such charter schools operate
21 within a single district, a single representative shall
22 appointed;

23 (8) One member appointed by the Governor, upon the
24 recommendation of an organization representing teachers in
25 a school district in a city having a population exceeding

1 500,000;

2 (9) One member appointed by the Governor, upon the
3 recommendation of the largest statewide organization
4 representing teachers;

5 (10) One member appointed by the Governor, upon the
6 recommendation of the second-largest statewide
7 organization representing teachers;

8 (11) One member appointed by the Governor, upon the
9 recommendation of a statewide organization representing
10 charter schools in the State;

11 (12) One member appointed by the Governor, upon the
12 recommendation of the largest statewide association
13 representing school boards;

14 (13) One member appointed by the Governor, upon the
15 recommendation of the largest statewide association
16 representing school administrators;

17 (14) One member appointed by the Governor, upon the
18 recommendation of the largest statewide association
19 representing school business officials; and

20 (15) One member appointed by the Governor, who shall be
21 a current or former commissioner of the State Charter
22 School Commission; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That the members of the Task Force shall be
24 appointed within 30 days after the adoption of this resolution
25 and shall begin meeting no later than 30 days after the

1 appointments are finalized; in the event that the appointments
2 by the Governor are not made within 30 days after the adoption
3 of this resolution, the State Superintendent of Education shall
4 make such appointments within 15 days after the appointment
5 deadline; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the members of the Task Force shall elect a
7 chairperson from among their membership, and the Illinois State
8 Board of Education shall provide administrative support; and be
9 it further

10 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall issue a report making
11 recommendations on any changes to State laws with regard to
12 charter school funding on or before February 15, 2020 and upon
13 the filing of its report is dissolved; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
15 delivered to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the
16 President of the Senate, the Minority Leader of the House, the
17 Minority Leader of the Senate, the Governor, the State
18 Superintendent of Education, and the Chief Executive Officer of
19 City of Chicago School District 299.