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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

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

5 WHEREAS, Many charter schools are in older, sometimes  
6 dilapidated buildings that require repair, such as  
7 tuckpointing, new roofs, or boilers; and

8 WHEREAS, Most children in existing charter schools do not  
9 have the necessary access to special education resource space,  
10 to adequate space for physical education and athletics, and/or  
11 to dining facilities; and

12 WHEREAS, Thirty-one jurisdictions, including Arizona,  
13 California, Colorado, Florida, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New  
14 Mexico, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Utah, and Washington D.C.  
15 currently offer facilities support for existing charter public  
16 schools through varying resources and can offer expertise on  
17 best practices; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
19 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE  
20 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there is created the Task Force  
21 on Charter Public School Facilities to examine charter public

1 school facilities issues and provide the following:

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

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

7 (3) Recommendations for ensuring that charter public  
8 schools have equitable access to safe and appropriate  
9 facilities; and be it further

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

12 (1) Two members appointed by the Speaker of the House  
13 of Representatives;

14 (2) Two members appointed by the Minority Leader of the  
15 House of Representatives;

16 (3) Two members appointed by the President of the  
17 Senate;

18 (4) Two members appointed by the Minority Leader of the  
19 Senate;

20 (5) The State Superintendent of Education or his or her  
21 designee;

22 (6) The chief executive officer of a school district in  
23 a city having a population exceeding 500,000 or his or her  
24 designee appointed by the State Superintendent of  
25 Education;

1           (7) One member appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
2     Representatives, upon recommendation of an organization  
3     representing teachers in a school district in a city having  
4     a population exceeding 500,000;

5           (8) One member appointed by the President of the  
6     Senate, upon recommendation of an organization  
7     representing teachers in a school district in a city having  
8     a population exceeding 500,000;

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

12          (10) A principal of a currently operating,  
13    high-performing charter public school in this State,  
14    appointed by the State Superintendent of Education;

15          (11) One member appointed by the Governor who is a  
16    representative of a community organization that operates  
17    charter public schools, upon recommendation of that  
18    community organization;

19          (12) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the  
20    House of Representatives, upon recommendation of an  
21    organization representing the business community in this  
22    State;

23          (13) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the  
24    Senate, upon recommendation of an organization  
25    representing the business community in this State;

26          (14) One member appointed by the Governor, upon

1 recommendation of an education advocacy group that  
2 organizes parents and supports high-quality public-school  
3 options, including high-quality public charter schools;

4 (15) One member appointed by the state superintendent  
5 representing one of the ten currently operating  
6 Commission-approved charter public schools in this State,  
7 upon recommendation of the leadership of the  
8 Commission-approved charter public schools;

9 (16) One member appointed by the Governor, upon  
10 recommendation of a large, non-profit community  
11 development financial institution (CDFI) in Illinois that  
12 provides or has provided specialized loans, real estate  
13 development, and additional forms of financial assistance  
14 to charter public schools in this State; and

15 (17) One member appointed by the state superintendent  
16 who represents a charter school outside of the City of  
17 Chicago; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the members of the Task Force shall elect a  
19 chairperson from among their membership, and the Illinois State  
20 Board of Education shall provide administrative support; and be  
21 it further

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

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

6 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall issue a report making  
7 recommendations on any changes to State laws with regard to  
8 charter public school facilities access on or before January 1,  
9 2021, and that the Task Force shall be dissolved upon issuance  
10 of this report; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
12 delivered to the Governor, the State Superintendent of  
13 Education, the Illinois State Board of Education, and the Chief  
14 Executive Officer of the City of Chicago School District 299.