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SENATE RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that a Senate Teen Poverty Task Force is created for the purpose of studying teen parenting, school dropout, youth homelessness, and health issues that are closely related to teen poverty; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Senate Teen Poverty Task Force shall consist of 4 members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate and 4 members of the Senate appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate; the members shall be chosen to ensure geographically diverse representation; the membership shall include at least one Senator serving on each of the following committees: the Senate Education Committee, the Senate Health & Human Services Committee, the Senate Appropriations I Committee, and the Senate Appropriations II Committee; the President of the Senate and the Minority Leader of the Senate shall each designate one appointee to serve as co-chair; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Senate Teen Poverty Task Force shall hold at least 2 meetings at which public testimony shall be heard; additional meetings may be scheduled and activities may be added as necessary at the discretion of the co-chairs; the Senate Teen Poverty Task Force may use outside experts to help it staff the Task Force and research the issues; the Senate Teen Poverty Task Force may conduct joint meetings with the House Teen Poverty Task Force; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Senate Teen Poverty Task Force shall submit a written report, including recommendations for steps to address teen poverty in Illinois, to all members of the General Assembly, the Governor's office, and relevant State agencies no later than January 11, 2005.