

1 after-school programs with distinct funding policies and
2 priorities that are not coordinated across administering State
3 agencies, resulting in gaps and overlaps of services; and

4 WHEREAS, The demonstrated need in communities for
5 after-school services far outweighs the current available
6 funding; and

7 WHEREAS, The majority of Illinois citizens report that
8 there are not enough after-school opportunities in their
9 communities; and

10 WHEREAS, Illinois has seen increasing investment in
11 after-school programs by members of the General Assembly in
12 response to the need for after-school programming; this
13 increased funding needs to be strengthened with structures that
14 ensure access, accountability, and sustainability and support
15 the quality elements that are likely to result in positive
16 youth outcomes; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
18 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
19 there is established the After-school Funding Policy Task Force
20 to develop recommendations for the administration and
21 coordination of the after-school, mentoring, and student
22 support line item in the State Board of Education's budget; and

1 be it further

2 RESOLVED, That the After-school Funding Policy Task Force
3 be comprised of the following members:

4 (1) one representative from the Governor's Office,
5 appointed by the Governor;

6 (2) one representative of the Department of Human
7 Services, appointed by the Secretary of Human Services;

8 (3) one representative of the State Board of Education,
9 appointed by the State Superintendent of Education;

10 (4) one representative (who shall serve as the convener
11 of the Task Force) of an organization that is both (i)
12 coordinated by a group with a goal of preventing violence
13 and (ii) composed of members that include the Department of
14 Human Services, the State Board of Education, and various
15 other organizations that provide after-school programming,
16 appointed by such an organization;

17 (5) one representative of a statewide after-school
18 advocacy group, appointed by the Governor;

19 (6) one representative of a statewide organization
20 professionally supporting one-to-one mentoring programs
21 and services, appointed by the Governor;

22 (7) one representative of a statewide violence
23 prevention organization, appointed by the Governor;

24 (8) one representative of a statewide group
25 representing law enforcement, appointed by the Governor;

1 (9) one representative of a statewide group
2 representing the African-American community, appointed by
3 the Governor;

4 (10) one representative of a statewide group
5 representing the Latino community, appointed by the
6 Governor;

7 (11) Two local government representatives, one from
8 the City of Chicago appointed by the mayor of the City
9 Chicago and one from a city other than the city of Chicago
10 appointed by the Governor;

11 (12) one representative of a Chicago-based
12 after-school program that receives funding from the
13 after-school, mentoring, and student support line item,
14 appointed by the general superintendent of schools of City
15 of Chicago School District 299;

16 (13) one representative of a downstate after-school
17 program that receives funding from the after-school,
18 mentoring, and student support line item, appointed by the
19 State Superintendent of Education; and

20 (14) up to 5 additional representatives appointed by
21 the Governor, as deemed appropriate; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That the After-school Funding Policy Task Force
23 may invite additional members to join as needed for expertise
24 and consultation, including, but not limited to, members of the
25 General Assembly, after-school entities from other states,

1 university-represented experts in youth development, national
2 organizations, parents and youth, and funders; and be it
3 further

4 RESOLVED, That this State has in place the Illinois
5 After-School Partnership, which has over the past 3 years
6 gathered data to support increased quality and availability of
7 after-school programs and has access to State and national
8 expertise on elements of a sound after-school system; these
9 resources will be considered during the development of future
10 funding policies; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the After-school Funding Policy Task Force
12 shall undertake the following:

13 (1) develop policy recommendations for the
14 after-school, mentoring, and student support line item
15 that outline the priorities, guidelines, appropriate
16 administrative structures, and accountability systems that
17 allow sufficient flexibility to meet community needs and
18 require recipients to adhere to baseline measures of
19 accountability and to establish this line item as a
20 sustainable source of after-school funding in addition to
21 current state-level programs; and

22 (2) develop policy recommendations that ensure
23 adequate support for the administering agency to fund
24 program monitoring, data collection, and accountability

1 systems, professional development and technical
2 assistance, and program evaluations for recipients of this
3 funding and to provide technical assistance to
4 organizations not previously funded by this State to
5 increase their capacity to provide quality services; and be
6 it further

7 RESOLVED, That the After-school Funding Policy Task Force
8 shall produce a report outlining policy recommendations no
9 later than October 1, 2007, which report must be presented to
10 all appropriate House committees for approval; and upon
11 presenting its report the Task Force is dissolved; and be it
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
14 delivered to the Governor, the Secretary of Human Services, the
15 State Superintendent of Education, and the general
16 superintendent of schools of City of Chicago School District
17 299.".