



1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 90

2 WHEREAS, It has been many years since there has been a  
3 systematic study of Illinois' correctional and criminal  
4 justice system and there exists a need for that study; and

5 WHEREAS, A study of Illinois' criminal justice and  
6 correctional system is necessary to enhance public safety,  
7 reduce victimization, reduce recidivism, hold offenders more  
8 accountable, enhance probation, mandatory supervised release,  
9 and parole supervision, and better manage a growing prison  
10 population through increasing public safety, improving  
11 rehabilitation, and lowering State expense; and

12 WHEREAS, A study and formulation of recommendations for  
13 criminal justice structural changes can be best carried out  
14 through an established Task Force; and

15 WHEREAS, Enactment of Task Force recommendations, if  
16 deemed appropriate at the 2013 session of the General Assembly,  
17 is best carried out through a deliberative and specific  
18 legislative process; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
20 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE  
21 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there is created a Task Force on

1 Criminal Justice Reform (hereinafter referred to as the Task  
2 Force); and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall be composed as follows:

4 (1) the Governor or his or her designee;

5 (2) two members appointed by the Speaker of the House  
6 of Representatives;

7 (3) two members appointed by the President of the  
8 Senate;

9 (4) one member of the House of Representatives  
10 appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of  
11 Representatives;

12 (5) one member of the Senate appointed by the Minority  
13 Leader of the Senate;

14 (6) a representative from the Illinois Supreme Court  
15 appointed by the Chief Justice;

16 (7) a representative from a statewide association  
17 representing sheriffs appointed by the Governor;

18 (8) a representative of the Department of State Police  
19 appointed by the Director of State Police;

20 (9) a representative from a State's Attorney's Office,  
21 other than Cook County, appointed by the Director of the  
22 Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor;

23 (10) a representative from the Cook County State's  
24 Attorney's Office appointed by the Cook County State's  
25 Attorney;

1           (11) a representative from a Public Defender's Office  
2           in a county other than Cook County appointed by the State  
3           Appellate Defender;

4           (12) a representative from the Cook County Public  
5           Defender's Office appointed by the Cook County Public  
6           Defender;

7           (13) a representative of the State Appellate Defender  
8           appointed by the State Appellate Defender;

9           (14) a representative from the Cook County Circuit  
10          Court Clerk's Office appointed by the Cook County Circuit  
11          Court Clerk;

12          (15) a representative of the Administrative Office of  
13          the Illinois Courts appointed by the Director of that  
14          Office;

15          (16) a representative of the Cook County Chief Judge's  
16          Office appointed by the Chief Judge of the Cook County  
17          Circuit;

18          (17) a member of the Illinois Sentencing Policy  
19          Advisory Council appointed by the Governor;

20          (18) a representative from each department and agency  
21          of the State having involvement with the State criminal  
22          justice system appointed by the Governor; and be it further

23          RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall:

24                 (1) choose its chair and other officers as it deems  
25                 appropriate;

1           (2) hold hearings from persons involved or impacted by  
2           the criminal justice system; and

3           (3) study the Illinois criminal justice and  
4           correctional system and make recommendations to the  
5           General Assembly for structural changes in the Illinois  
6           criminal justice and correctional system with the goals of  
7           enhancing public safety, reducing victimization and  
8           recidivism, holding offenders more accountable, enhancing  
9           probation, mandatory supervised release, and parole  
10          supervision, and better managing a growing prison  
11          population through increasing public safety, improving  
12          rehabilitation, and lowering State expense; and be it  
13          further

14          RESOLVED, That the Department of Corrections shall provide  
15          administrative support as needed to fulfill the duties of the  
16          Task Force; and be it further

17          RESOLVED, That members of the Task Force shall receive no  
18          additional compensation for their services on the Task Force  
19          but may be reimbursed by appropriations made by the General  
20          Assembly for their ordinary and necessary expenses; and be it  
21          further

22          RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall complete its work and  
23          report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly

1 no later than November 1, 2012.