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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, State Employees Group Insurance provides  
3 healthcare coverage for Illinois state employees and  
4 dependents; and

5 WHEREAS, State employees group insurance costs the State  
6 nearly \$2 billion annually; and

7 WHEREAS, It is important to continue to provide adequate  
8 care to Illinois employees and their families while also being  
9 economically efficient; and

10 WHEREAS, In 2017, the City of Springfield, in an effort to  
11 address the situation of rising healthcare costs, opened an  
12 employer-sponsored health clinic; and

13 WHEREAS, Springfield School District 186 and Sangamon  
14 County are partnering to launch a similar health clinic option  
15 for their employees; and

16 WHEREAS, An employer-sponsored health clinic is designed  
17 to be a clinic where employees are able to receive various  
18 services, including lab work and medical care for minor issues  
19 with no out-of-pocket costs to the employee and dependents; and

1           WHEREAS, The issue of controlling health care costs has  
2 been a contentious issue for the State of Illinois and its  
3 employee unions through the collective bargaining process for  
4 many years, with the current contract being tied up in the  
5 judicial system; and

6           WHEREAS, An employer-sponsored health clinic for employees  
7 and dependents can see savings by paying a flat contracted rate  
8 between the clinic and the employer rather than paying much  
9 higher rates at similar clinics under health insurance plans;  
10 and

11           WHEREAS, As the cost of health care in Illinois and across  
12 the country continues to rise, it is vital that the State of  
13 Illinois look for innovative ways to provide access to care for  
14 its employees, dependents, and retirees while at the same time  
15 maintaining current levels of care and doing so at a lower  
16 overall cost to taxpayers in Illinois; therefore, be it

17           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
18 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE  
19 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there is created the State  
20 Sponsored Health Clinic Task Force to study the possibility of  
21 implementing a State of Illinois sponsored health clinic for  
22 state employees, dependents, and retirees, with the purpose of  
23 providing quality care and annual savings to the State's

1 overall group insurance costs; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall be composed of the  
3 following members, to serve without compensation:

4 1) Two individuals appointed by the Speaker of the  
5 House;

6 2) Two individuals appointed by the Minority Leader of  
7 the House;

8 3) Two individuals appointed by the President of the  
9 Senate;

10 4) Two individuals appointed by the Minority Leader of  
11 the Senate;

12 5) One individual appointed by the Governor; and

13 6) One individual appointed by the president/director  
14 of a union representing the largest amount of State  
15 employees; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the Department of Central Management  
17 services shall provide administrative support for the Task  
18 Force; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall submit its final report  
20 to the General Assembly no later than December 31, 2019, and  
21 upon the filing of its report, the Task Force is dissolved; and  
22 be it further

1           RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
2 delivered to the Director of Central Management Services, the  
3 Speaker of the House, the Minority Leader of the House, the  
4 President of the Senate, the Minority Leader of the Senate, the  
5 Governor, and the president/director of a union representing  
6 the largest amount of State employees.