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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, According to the National Center for Health
3 Statistics, 29.3 million persons of all ages were uninsured in
4 the United States in 2017; in the same year, adults aged 25-34
5 were almost twice as likely as adults aged 45-64 to lack health
6 insurance coverage; and

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WHEREAS, A lack of insurance coverage can motivate people
8 to forgo treatments and doctor visits, leading to unfortunate
9 health consequences for these individuals; additionally, when
10 an uninsured individual does seek treatment, they often receive
11 a bill that they cannot afford to pay, a bill that is often
12 higher than what an insurer would pay for the same treatment;
13 these bills can further compound an already difficult financial
14 situation for the uninsured; and

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WHEREAS, A lack of insurance coverage increases costs
16 throughout the healthcare system by forcing healthcare
17 providers to absorb costs of unpaid bills and pass those costs
18 on to other patients; therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
20 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
21 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that the Promoting Insurance
22 Coverage and Alternatives Task Force is created; and be it

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2 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall review methods in which
3 the State of Illinois and its various departments can promote
4 healthcare coverage of Illinois residents by private insurance
5 and review other medical coverage options, including health
6 savings accounts, healthcare bonds, or any other method the
7 Task Force sees fit; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall also review methods in
9 which the State of Illinois and its various departments can
10 increase flexibility for residents to enroll in Affordable Care
11 Act insurance plans or to bridge gaps in coverage that can
12 occur before the yearly open enrollment period; and be it
13 further

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

16 (1) One member from businesses licensed to sell
17 insurance within the State of Illinois appointed by the
18 Speaker of the House of Representatives;

19 (2) One member from businesses licensed to sell
20 insurance within the State of Illinois appointed by the
21 Minority Leader of the House of Representatives;

22 (3) One member from businesses licensed to sell
23 insurance within the State of Illinois appointed by the

1 President of the Senate;

2 (4) One member from businesses licensed to sell
3 insurance within the State of Illinois appointed by the
4 Minority Leader of the Senate;

5 (5) Two members of the majority party of the House of
6 Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House, one
7 of whom shall serve as co-chair;

8 (6) Two members of the minority party of the House of
9 Representatives appointed by the Minority Leader, one of
10 whom shall serve as co-chair;

11 (7) Two members of the majority party of the Senate
12 appointed by the President of the Senate;

13 (8) Two members of the minority party of the Senate
14 appointed by the Minority Leader;

15 (9) The Director of the Department of Insurance or
16 their designee; and

17 (10) The Secretary of the Department of Human Services
18 or their designee; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the members of the Task Force shall be
20 appointed within 60 days after passage of this resolution and
21 commence meeting as soon as possible; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That the Department of Insurance shall provide
23 administrative support; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall issue its final report
2 to the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2019, and
3 upon the filing of its report, is dissolved.