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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The Sexual Assault Survivors Emergency Treatment Act is primarily focused on sexual assault survivors generally, and child sexual abuse has distinct circumstances and responses; and

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WHEREAS, Child sexual abuse has various adverse effects on the psychological, physical, behavioral, and interpersonal well-being of the victim; and

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WHEREAS, Child victims of sexual and physical abuse are at a higher risk of suffering from depression, low self-esteem, post traumatic stress disorder, psychotic syndromes, suicide or attempted suicide, anti-social personality disorders, drug and alcohol abuse, and increased risk of re-victimization; and

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WHEREAS, Child victims of sexual abuse deserve to have an acute specialized medical response/exam that is developmentally appropriate, trauma-informed, evidenced-based, and provided by a medical specialist with pediatric expertise; and

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WHEREAS, The research conducted on child sexual assault indicates that in cases of child sexual abuse when the investigation is conducted carefully and conscientiously then

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1 answers to questions of safety begin to emerge; and

2 WHEREAS, The research conducted on child sexual assault
3 cases indicates one in 10 children are affected; 73% of child
4 victims do not tell anyone about the abuse for at least a year,
5 45% of victims do not tell anyone for at least 5 years, and
6 some children never disclose; 90% of child sexual abuse
7 victims know their abuser; and

8 WHEREAS, The State has a responsibility to protect these
9 youth from mistreatment, further traumatization, and
10 exploitation; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the Child Sexual and
13 Physical Abuse Task Force is created to investigate, assess,
14 and make recommendations on the Sexual Assault Survivors
15 Emergency Treatment ACT and its implementation to ensure that
16 child development and children's unique medical needs are
17 addressed in the medical response to child sexual abuse within
18 this Act; in addition to the goals stated above, The Task Force
19 shall:

20 (1) Evaluate current training, mentoring, and
21 certification programming for pediatric sexual abuse
22 medical exam providers to ensure all align with national
23 accreditation standards;

1 (2) Conduct a comprehensive review, evaluation, and
2 streamlining of the complaint process for practitioners
3 and providers;

4 (3) Prepare a peer review of all processes relating to
5 the implementation, accreditation, and programmatic
6 structure of the Sexual Assault Survivors Emergency
7 Treatment Act;

8 (4) Conduct a comprehensive review of pediatric
9 evidence available to ensure that the implementation of
10 the Sexual Assault Survivors Emergency Treatment Act is
11 appropriate for pediatric populations; and

12 (5) Conduct a comprehensive review of the examination
13 process for becoming a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner -
14 Pediatrics in Illinois to ensure that this accreditation
15 is efficient, effective, and appropriate; and be it
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall consist of the
18 following members:

19 (1) The President of the Senate or his or her
20 designee, who shall serve as Chairperson;

21 (2) The Minority Leader of the Senate or his or her
22 designee;

23 (3) The Director of the Department of Children and
24 Family Services or the (DCFS) Director of Legislative
25 Affairs;

1 (4) The Director of the Department of Public Health or
2 the (DPH) Director of Legislative Affairs;

3 (5) The Director of the Illinois State Police or the
4 (ISP) Director of Government Relations;

5 (6) The Attorney General or the (AG) Chief of
6 Legislative Affairs;

7 (7) The Director of the Guardianship and Advocacy
8 Commission or his or her designee; and

9 (8) The following members appointed by the Director of
10 the Department of Children and Family Services:

11 (a) One member representing a coalition of
12 Children's Advocacy Centers in Illinois;

13 (b) Five members representing Children Advocacy
14 Centers; appointees must be geographically diverse: four
15 members representing each CAC region and one representing
16 a county with a population less than 100,000 people;

17 (c) Five members representing Certified Pediatric
18 Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners - SANE-Ps; appointees must
19 be geographically diverse: four members, each representing
20 only one CAC region and one representing a county with a
21 population less than 100,000 people;

22 (d) Five Pediatrician Board Certified/Eligible in
23 Child Abuse and Neglect; appointees must be geographically
24 Diverse: four members representing only one CAC region and
25 one representing a county with a population less than
26 100,000 people;

1 (e) Five general pediatricians with expertise in
2 child sexual abuse;

3 (f) One member representing a statewide
4 association of pediatricians;

5 (g) One member representing a statewide
6 association of hospitals;

7 (h) One member representing a statewide
8 association of physicians;

9 (i) One member representing children's justice
10 prosecutor with experience prosecuting sexual and physical
11 abuse of minors;

12 (j) One member who serves as a law enforcement
13 officer (juvenile division or Child Death Review Team)
14 with experience investigating sexual and physical abuse of
15 minors; and

16 (k) One pediatrician who is board certified in
17 child abuse pediatrics at an independent free-standing
18 children's hospital located in Chicago and serves as an
19 assistant professor of pediatrics (child abuse) at a
20 medical school located in Chicago; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That members of the Task Force shall be
22 appointed within 30 days after the adoption of this resolution
23 and shall serve without compensation; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That the Illinois State Police shall provide

1 administrative support to the Task Force; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall hold at least four
3 meetings, and the first meeting must be held within 30 days
4 after appointments are finalized or at the call of the
5 Chairperson; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the Task Force must report its findings and
7 recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly no
8 later than April, 30, 2021, and upon the filing of its report
9 is dissolved; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
11 delivered to the President of the Senate, the Minority Leader
12 of the Senate, and the state agencies represented on the Task
13 Force.