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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, There is clear evidence that quality after-school programs can achieve positive outcomes for children and youth in the areas of safety, academics, health and prevention, social and emotional skill building, civic engagement, and development of 21st century skills, making after-school programs a valuable and needed community service; and

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WHEREAS, It is important for after-school programs to demonstrate characteristics of quality indicated by research to increase the likelihood of achieving positive outcomes for children and youth in their programs; and

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WHEREAS, Illinois has multiple funding streams supporting after-school programs with distinct funding policies and priorities that are not coordinated across administering State agencies, resulting in gaps and overlaps of services; and

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

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

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1           WHEREAS, Illinois has seen increasing investment in  
2 after-school programs by members of the General Assembly in  
3 response to the need for after-school programming; this  
4 increased funding needs to be strengthened with structures that  
5 ensure access, accountability, and sustainability and support  
6 the quality elements that are likely to result in positive  
7 youth outcomes; therefore, be it

8           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
9 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
10 there is established the After-school Funding Policy Task Force  
11 to develop recommendations for the administration and  
12 coordination of the after-school, mentoring, and student  
13 support line item in the State Board of Education's budget; and  
14 be it further

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

17           (1) one representative from the Governor's Office,  
18           appointed by the Governor;

19           (2) one representative of the Department of Human  
20           Services, appointed by the Secretary of Human Services;

21           (3) one representative of the State Board of Education,  
22           appointed by the State Superintendent of Education;

23           (4) one representative (who shall serve as the convener

1 of the Task Force) of an organization that is both (i)  
2 coordinated by a group with a goal of preventing violence  
3 and (ii) composed of members that include the Department of  
4 Human Services, the State Board of Education, and various  
5 other organizations that provide after-school programming,  
6 appointed by such an organization;

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

9 (6) one representative of a statewide organization  
10 professionally supporting one-to-one mentoring programs  
11 and services, appointed by the Governor;

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

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

16 (9) one representative of a statewide group  
17 representing the African-American community, appointed by  
18 the Governor;

19 (10) one representative of a statewide group  
20 representing the Latino community, appointed by the  
21 Governor;

22 (11) Two local government representatives, one from  
23 the City of Chicago appointed by the mayor of the City  
24 Chicago and one from a city other than the city of Chicago  
25 appointed by the Governor;

26 (12) one representative of a Chicago-based

1 after-school program that receives funding from the  
2 after-school, mentoring, and student support line item,  
3 appointed by the general superintendent of schools of City  
4 of Chicago School District 299;

5 (13) one representative of a downstate after-school  
6 program that receives funding from the after-school,  
7 mentoring, and student support line item, appointed by the  
8 State Superintendent of Education; and

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

11 RESOLVED, That the After-school Funding Policy Task Force  
12 may invite additional members to join as needed for expertise  
13 and consultation, including, but not limited to, members of the  
14 General Assembly, after-school entities from other states,  
15 university-represented experts in youth development, national  
16 organizations, parents and youth, and funders; and be it  
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That this State has in place the Illinois  
19 After-School Partnership, which has over the past 3 years  
20 gathered data to support increased quality and availability of  
21 after-school programs and has access to State and national  
22 expertise on elements of a sound after-school system; these  
23 resources will be considered during the development of future  
24 funding policies; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That the After-school Funding Policy Task Force  
2 shall undertake the following:

3           (1)     develop     policy     recommendations     for     the  
4     after-school, mentoring, and student support line item  
5     that outline the priorities, guidelines, appropriate  
6     administrative structures, and accountability systems that  
7     allow sufficient flexibility to meet community needs and  
8     require recipients to adhere to baseline measures of  
9     accountability and to establish this line item as a  
10    sustainable source of after-school funding in addition to  
11    current state-level programs; and

12          (2)     develop     policy     recommendations     that     ensure  
13    adequate support for the administering agency to fund  
14    program monitoring, data collection, and accountability  
15    systems, professional development and technical  
16    assistance, and program evaluations for recipients of this  
17    funding and to provide technical assistance to  
18    organizations not previously funded by this State to  
19    increase their capacity to provide quality services; and be  
20    it further

21          RESOLVED, That the After-school Funding Policy Task Force  
22 shall produce a report outlining policy recommendations no  
23 later than October 1, 2007, which report must be presented to  
24 all appropriate House committees for approval; and upon

1 presenting its report the Task Force is dissolved; and be it  
2 further

3 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
4 delivered to the Governor, the Secretary of Human Services, the  
5 State Superintendent of Education, and the general  
6 superintendent of schools of City of Chicago School District  
7 299.