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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The law enforcement profession requires police
3 officers to perform their duties in constant high-stress
4 situations involving physical and psychological trauma, as
5 well as daily exposure to human indecency and pain; and

6 WHEREAS, The Illinois Suicide Prevention Resource Center
7 2005 report indicates that the Illinois suicide rate is 9.1 per
8 100,000 people; firearms represent the leading method of
9 suicide, while males account for 81% of Illinois suicides; and

10 WHEREAS, A 2009 study compared more than 30 studies and
11 concluded that the national rate of police officer suicide is
12 17 per 100,000 officers; and

13 WHEREAS, An informal survey conducted in 2008 at a major
14 metropolitan police department in Illinois indicated that, of
15 142 responding officers, 85% reported knowing someone in law
16 enforcement who had attempted suicide; and

17 WHEREAS, The maintenance of a police force and the carrying
18 out of their official duties is of utmost importance to the
19 health, safety, and welfare of all citizens of the State of
20 Illinois; and

1 WHEREAS, It is in the best interest of the people of the
2 State of Illinois to support the health of its law enforcement
3 officers so that they may perform their duties to the best of
4 their abilities; and

5 WHEREAS, The Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards
6 Board is responsible for police training and education
7 throughout the State of Illinois; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the Illinois Law
10 Enforcement Training Standards Board shall convene a Task Force
11 on Police Officer Suicide in Illinois within one month after
12 the adoption of this resolution to study and evaluate all
13 available data on the subject and submit its findings and make
14 recommendations for what action, if any, may be necessary to
15 prevent police officer suicide in the State of Illinois; and be
16 it further

17 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall be composed of at least
18 10 members, and appointed as follows: (1) one designee from the
19 Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board, (2) one
20 designee from the Illinois Law Enforcement Education
21 Foundation, (3) one designee from the Illinois Critical
22 Incident Support Team, (4) one designee from the Illinois
23 Fraternal Order of Police, (5) the U.S. Attorney for the

1 Central District of Illinois or his designee, (6) one designee
2 from the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police, (7) one
3 designee from the Illinois Sheriffs Association, (8) one
4 designee from the Chicago Police Department Peer Support
5 program, (9) one designee from the State chapter of the
6 National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, (10) one designee with
7 expertise in conducting academic studies, and (11) any other
8 members as the chair may designate; the chair shall be elected
9 from the membership; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the members of this Task Force shall serve
11 without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for expenses
12 necessary to complete its task; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the Board shall, after consideration of the
14 report of the Task Force, submit to the General Assembly for
15 its consideration, no later than December 31, 2012, its
16 recommendations for what action, if any, may be necessary to
17 prevent police officer suicide in the State of Illinois.