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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Studies have shown the need for continued
3 assistance for children who have aged out of foster care; and

4 WHEREAS, Studies have also shown that former foster care
5 youth are more likely than their peers to have higher
6 unemployment and lower levels of higher education; and

7 WHEREAS, The Department of Children and Family Services has
8 committed to assisting youth that age out of foster care with
9 programs that ensure continued success of the child and are
10 cost-effective for the State; and

11 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois has implemented programs and
12 laws to assist various populations for employment and
13 educational opportunities; and

14 WHEREAS, There is a need to further examine existing laws
15 and programs of other populations that may be applicable to
16 youth that have aged out of foster care; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
18 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
19 there is created the Supporting Aged Out Foster Care Children
20 Task Force under the Department of Children and Family Services

1 to identify and recommend cost-effective ways to further assist
2 foster care children as they age out of care and into
3 independent living; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall research, analyze, and
5 consider existing laws, programs, and benefits that could be
6 used to assist wards of the State in a cost-effective manner to
7 live independently as they age out of foster care; and be it
8 further

9 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall consist of following
10 members: 3 members appointed by the Speaker of the House of
11 Representatives, one of which shall serve as a Co-Chairperson
12 of the Task Force; 3 members appointed by the Minority Leader
13 of the House of Representatives, one of which shall serve as a
14 Co-Chairperson of the Task Force; the Secretary of Human
15 Services or his or her designee; the Director of Children and
16 Family Services or his or her designee; the Director of
17 Healthcare and Family Services or his or her designee; the
18 Director of Corrections or his or her designee; a
19 representative of the Governor's Office, appointed by the
20 Governor; 2 members who are licensed social workers who work
21 with children in at-risk groups, appointed by the Governor; 2
22 representatives from the Children and Family Services Advisory
23 Council, appointed by the Director of Children and Family
24 Services; and 2 former youth-in-care, appointed by the Director

1 of Children and Family Services; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That the members of the Task Force shall serve
3 without compensation; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall receive the cooperation
5 of any State agencies it deems appropriate to assist the Task
6 Force in carrying out its duties; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the members of the Task Force shall be
8 considered members with voting rights; a quorum of the Task
9 Force shall consist of a majority of the members of the Task
10 Force; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall present its findings
12 and recommendations to the General Assembly in a report to the
13 General Assembly and the Director of Children and Family
14 Services on or before December 31, 2016.