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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION 892

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 Success by 25 Task Force under the  
20 Department of Children and Family Services to identify and

1 recommend cost-effective ways to further assist foster care  
2 children as they age out of care and into independent living;  
3 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 primary focus of the Task Force is to  
10 identify programs that may be beneficial to young adults  
11 between the ages of 18 and 21 who are in the care of the  
12 Illinois Department of Children and Family Services and the  
13 secondary focus is to examine new programs and laws for young  
14 adults between the ages of 21 and 25 who were formerly in the  
15 care of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services  
16 to ensure their continued success for independent living; and  
17 be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall consist of following  
19 members: 3 members appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
20 Representatives, one of which shall serve as a Co-Chairperson  
21 of the Task Force; 3 members appointed by the Minority Leader  
22 of the House of Representatives, one of which shall serve as a  
23 Co-Chairperson of the Task Force; the Secretary of Human

1 Services or his or her designee; the Director of Children and  
2 Family Services or his or her designee; the Director of  
3 Healthcare and Family Services or his or her designee; the  
4 Director of Corrections or his or her designee; a  
5 representative of the Governor's Office, appointed by the  
6 Governor; 2 members who are licensed social workers who work  
7 with children in at-risk groups, appointed by the Director of  
8 Children and Family Services; one representative from the  
9 Office of the Cook County Public Guardian, appointed by the  
10 Director of Children and Family Services in consultation with  
11 the Cook County Public Guardian; 2 representatives from the  
12 Children and Family Services Advisory Council, appointed by the  
13 Director of Children and Family Services; and 2 former  
14 youth-in-care, appointed by the Director of Children and Family  
15 Services; and be it further

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

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

21 RESOLVED, That the members of the Task Force shall be  
22 considered members with voting rights; a quorum of the Task  
23 Force shall consist of a majority of the members of the Task

1 Force; and be it further

2       RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall present its findings  
3 and recommendations to the General Assembly in a report to the  
4 General Assembly and the Director of Children and Family  
5 Services on or before December 31, 2016.