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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 22

2 WHEREAS, The transportation of elementary and secondary
3 education students is an important public policy issue; and

4 WHEREAS, Whether or not a school district in Illinois may
5 use a multi-function school activity bus for transportation is
6 continually up for debate; and

7 WHEREAS, There is a need for accurate and consistent
8 information regarding the legal and appropriate mode of
9 transportation of students in grades K through 12 made
10 available to administrators, educators, parents and
11 transportation companies; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
13 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE
14 CONCURRING HEREIN, that there is created the Task Force on
15 Modes of School Transportation for Elementary and Secondary
16 Education, consisting of the following:

17 (1) the State Superintendent of Education or his or her
18 designee, who shall serve as Chair of the Task Force;

19 (2) the Lieutenant Governor or his or her designee;

20 (3) the Secretary of State or his or her designee;

21 (4) the Secretary of Transportation or his or her designee;

22 (5) one member of the General Assembly, appointed by the

1 President of the Senate;

2 (6) one member of the General Assembly, appointed by the
3 Minority Leader of the Senate;

4 (7) one member of the General Assembly, appointed by the
5 Speaker of the House of Representatives;

6 (8) one member of the General Assembly, appointed by the
7 Minority Leader of the House;

8 (9) a representative of a statewide association
9 representing school board members, appointed by the State
10 Superintendent of Education;

11 (10) a representative of an association representing
12 private special education centers, appointed by the State
13 Superintendent of Education;

14 (11) a representative of a statewide association
15 representing regional superintendents of schools, appointed by
16 the State Superintendent of Education;

17 (12) a representative of a statewide association
18 representing teachers, appointed by the State Superintendent
19 of Education;

20 (13) a representative of a different statewide association
21 representing teachers, appointed by the State Superintendent
22 of Education;

23 (14) a representative of an association representing
24 teachers in a city with 500,000 or more inhabitants, appointed
25 by the State Superintendent of Education;

26 (15) a representative of an association representing

1 private contractors providing school transportation, appointed
2 by the State Superintendent of Education;

3 (16) a representative of an association representing large
4 unit school districts, appointed by the State Superintendent of
5 Education;

6 (17) a representative of a statewide association
7 representing principals, appointed by the State Superintendent
8 of Education;

9 (18) a representative of a statewide association
10 representing school administrators, appointed by the State
11 Superintendent of Education;

12 (19) a representative of a statewide association
13 representing high school districts, appointed by the State
14 Superintendent of Education;

15 (20) a representative of an association representing
16 school boards, appointed by the State Superintendent of
17 Education; and

18 (21) a representative of an association representing
19 suburban school districts, appointed by the State
20 Superintendent of Education; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall:

22 (1) conduct a thorough review of existing State and federal
23 law regarding the use of the various modes to transport
24 elementary and secondary education students;

25 (2) develop concise and consistent information to be

1 considered for use by the State Board of Education, the
2 Department of Transportation, and the Secretary of State to the
3 public about the legal means by which elementary and secondary
4 education students may be transported, including, but not
5 limited to:

6 (A) the type of vehicle and the required equipment to
7 transport elementary and secondary education students;

8 (B) the allowed purpose of the transportation and any
9 other limits of transportation of elementary and secondary
10 education students by vehicle type;

11 (C) the type of driver's license required to transport
12 elementary and secondary education students; and

13 (D) the requirements for driver licensing and vehicle
14 licensing and inspection; and

15 (3) make recommendations to the State Board of Education
16 and the General Assembly regarding the safe transportation of
17 elementary and secondary education students in our State; and
18 be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall seek input from
20 stakeholders and members of the public on the issues to be
21 reviewed and reported on by the Task Force; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That members of the Task Force shall serve
23 without compensation, and the State Board of Education shall
24 provide administrative and other support to the Task Force; and

1 be it further

2 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall meet at the request of
3 the Task Force Chair, but shall meet a minimum of 4 times prior
4 to December 15, 2017; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall present its legislative
6 and administrative recommendations to the Governor and the
7 General Assembly no later than December 15, 2017; and be it
8 further

9 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall be dissolved after
10 submitting its recommendations to the Governor and the General
11 Assembly.