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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Health care is a growing industry, and creating changes in the system to ensure quality care while efficiently managing the cost of the health care system is more important than ever; the use of a 24-Hour nurse hotline has been established in other states and seen positive results; it is necessary to establish a task force to research the benefits and costs of creating a 24-hour nurse hotline for all citizens of the State; therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that there is created the 24-Hour Nurse Hotline Task Force to study and make recommendations for the creation, operation, and usage of a 24-hour nurse hotline in the State of Illinois; and be it further

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RESOLVED, The Task Force shall consist of 11 members appointed as follows:

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- (1) four members, one of whom shall be appointed by each of the 4 legislative leaders;
- (2) a member of the Department of Healthcare and Family Services, nominated by the Director of Healthcare and Family Services;
- (3) a member of the Department of Public Health,

1 nominated by the Director of Public Health;

2 (4) a member of the Department of Commerce and Economic
3 Opportunity, nominated by the Director of Commerce and
4 Economic Opportunity;

5 (5) a representative from a statewide managed care
6 association;

7 (6) a member of a statewide nursing association;

8 (7) a member of a statewide hospital association; and

9 (8) a member of a statewide medical association; and be
10 it further

11 RESOLVED, The task force shall organize within 120 days
12 following the appointment of a majority of its members; the
13 members from the Department of Healthcare and Family Services
14 and the Department of Public Health shall co-chair the Task
15 Force and serve as liaisons to the Governor and the General
16 Assembly; meetings of the Task Force shall be held as necessary
17 to complete the duties of the Task Force; meetings of the Task
18 Force shall be held in the central part of the State; and be it
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20 RESOLVED, That the members of the Task Force shall receive
21 no compensation for serving as members of the Task Force; and
22 be it further

23 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall submit a report with

1 recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly no later
2 than December 31, 2016; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That the Department of Healthcare and Family
4 Services and the Department of Public Health shall provide
5 administrative support to the Task Force.