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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, It has long been reported that Illinois is facing  
3 a critical teacher shortage, which has only been exacerbated  
4 by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

5 WHEREAS, According to the 2020 Illinois Educator Shortage  
6 Survey commissioned by the Illinois Association of Regional  
7 Superintendents, 77% of Illinois school districts reported  
8 having a teacher shortage problem, and 93% of school districts  
9 have a substitute teacher shortage; and

10 WHEREAS, This 2020 survey also indicated that school  
11 districts reported 17% of their teacher positions are unfilled  
12 or filled by someone less than qualified for the position;  
13 therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
15 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE  
16 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there is created the Addressing  
17 the Illinois Teacher Shortage Task Force whose purpose is the  
18 following:

19 (1) to obtain and analyze data on the teacher  
20 shortage, including how the COVID-19 pandemic has  
21 exacerbated the shortage;

22 (2) to audit Illinois' teacher licensure laws and

1 rules to determine if any laws or rules are an impediment  
2 to quality teachers joining the classroom;

3 (3) to study and review required examinations for  
4 student teachers as well as professional development  
5 requirements for existing teachers; and

6 (4) to provide recommendations on how to address the  
7 teacher shortage by removing impediments in current laws  
8 and rules; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall consist of the  
10 following members:

11 (1) one member of a statewide professional teachers'  
12 organization, appointed by the State Superintendent of  
13 Education;

14 (2) one member of another statewide professional  
15 teachers' organization, appointed by the State  
16 Superintendent of Education;

17 (3) one member of a statewide professional teachers'  
18 organization that represents a school district in a city  
19 with a population of over 500,000, appointed by the State  
20 Superintendent of Education;

21 (4) one member of a statewide organization that  
22 represents school administrators, appointed by the State  
23 Superintendent of Education;

24 (5) one member of a statewide organization that  
25 represents school board members, appointed by the State

1 Superintendent of Education;

2 (6) one member of a statewide organization that  
3 represents principals, appointed by the State  
4 Superintendent of Education;

5 (7) one member of a statewide organization that  
6 represents suburban school districts, appointed by the  
7 State Superintendent of Education;

8 (8) one member of a statewide organization that  
9 represents large unit school districts, appointed by the  
10 State Superintendent of Education;

11 (9) one member of a statewide organization that  
12 represents rural school districts, appointed by the State  
13 Superintendent of Education;

14 (10) two members representing teacher education  
15 preparation programs at in-state colleges and  
16 universities, appointed by the State Superintendent of  
17 Education;

18 (11) one member of the House of Representatives  
19 appointed by the Speaker of the House;

20 (12) one member of the House of Representatives  
21 appointed by the House Minority Leader;

22 (13) one member of the Senate appointed by the Senate  
23 President; and

24 (14) one member of the Senate appointed by the Senate  
25 Minority Leader; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall have all appointments  
2 made within 30 days of the adoption of this resolution; and be  
3 it further

4           RESOLVED, That the Task Force members shall serve without  
5 compensation; and be it further

6           RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall first meet at the call  
7 of the State Superintendent of Education within 30 days  
8 following all appointments being made; at which meeting, the  
9 Task Force shall elect a chairperson and vice-chairperson from  
10 among its members; at which time, meetings of the Task Force  
11 shall then be at the call of the chairperson; and be it further

12           RESOLVED, That the Illinois State Board of Education shall  
13 provide administrative and technical support to the Task Force  
14 and be responsible for administering its operations and  
15 ensuring that the requirements of the Task Force are met; and  
16 be it further

17           RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall submit a report to the  
18 General Assembly by December 31, 2022 addressing the Task  
19 Force's purpose as stated above and providing recommendations  
20 on how to address the teacher shortage currently facing  
21 Illinois school districts, and upon filing of its final  
22 report, the Task Force is dissolved.