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HOUSE RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that a House Teen Poverty Task Force is created for the purpose of studying teen parenting, school dropout, youth homelessness, and health issues that are closely related to teen poverty; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the House Teen Poverty Task Force shall consist of 4 members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and 4 members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives; the members shall be chosen to ensure geographically diverse representation; the membership shall include at least one Representative serving on each of the following committees: the House Human Services Committee, the House Elementary & Secondary Education Committee, the House Health Care Availability and Access Committee, the House Housing and Urban Development Committee, the House Appropriations-Elementary & Secondary Education Committee, and the House Appropriations-Human Services Committee; the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives shall each designate one appointee to serve as co-chair; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the House Teen Poverty Task Force shall hold at least 2 meetings at which public testimony shall be heard; additional meetings may be scheduled and activities may be added as necessary at the discretion of the co-chairs; the House Teen Poverty Task Force may use outside experts to help it staff the Task Force and research the issues; the House Teen Poverty Task Force may conduct joint meetings with the Senate Teen Poverty Task Force; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the House Teen Poverty Task Force shall

1 submit a written report, including recommendations for steps to
2 address teen poverty in Illinois, to all members of the General
3 Assembly, the Governor's office, and relevant State agencies no
4 later than January 11, 2005.