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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, It has been many years since there has been a
3 systematic study of Illinois' correctional and criminal
4 justice system and there exists a need for that study; and

5 WHEREAS, A study of Illinois' criminal justice and
6 correctional system is necessary to enhance public safety,
7 reduce victimization, reduce recidivism, hold offenders more
8 accountable, enhance probation, mandatory supervised release,
9 and parole supervision, and better manage a growing prison
10 population through increasing public safety, improving
11 rehabilitation, and lowering State expense; and

12 WHEREAS, A study and formulation of recommendations for
13 criminal justice structural changes can be best carried out
14 through an established Task Force; and

15 WHEREAS, Enactment of Task Force recommendations, if
16 deemed appropriate at the 2013 session of the General Assembly,
17 is best carried out through a deliberative and specific
18 legislative process; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
20 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
21 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there is created a Task Force on

1 Criminal Justice Reform (hereinafter referred to as the Task
2 Force); and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall be composed as follows:

4 (1) the Governor or his or her designee;

5 (2) two members appointed by the Speaker of the House
6 of Representatives;

7 (3) two members appointed by the President of the
8 Senate;

9 (4) one member of the House of Representatives
10 appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of
11 Representatives;

12 (5) one member of the Senate appointed by the Minority
13 Leader of the Senate;

14 (6) a representative from the Illinois Supreme Court
15 appointed by the Chief Justice;

16 (7) a representative from the Illinois Sheriffs'
17 Association appointed by the President of the Illinois
18 Sheriffs' Association;

19 (8) a representative of the Department of State Police
20 appointed by the Director of State Police;

21 (9) a representative from a State's Attorney's Office,
22 other than Cook County, appointed by the Director of the
23 Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor;

24 (10) a representative from the Cook County State's
25 Attorney's Office appointed by the Cook County State's

1 Attorney;

2 (11) a representative from a Public Defender's Office
3 in a county other than Cook County appointed by the State
4 Appellate Defender;

5 (12) a representative from the Cook County Public
6 Defender's Office appointed by the Cook County Public
7 Defender;

8 (13) a representative of the State Appellate Defender
9 appointed by the State Appellate Defender;

10 (14) a representative from the Cook County Circuit
11 Court Clerk's Office appointed by the Cook County Circuit
12 Court Clerk;

13 (15) a representative of the Administrative Office of
14 the Illinois Courts appointed by the Director of that
15 Office;

16 (16) a representative of the Cook County Chief Judge's
17 Office appointed by the Chief Judge of the Cook County
18 Circuit;

19 (17) a representative from each department and agency
20 of the State having involvement with the State criminal
21 justice system appointed by the Governor; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall:

23 (1) choose its chair and other officers as it deems
24 appropriate;

25 (2) hold hearings from persons involved or impacted by

1 the criminal justice system; and

2 (3) study the Illinois criminal justice and
3 correctional system and make recommendations to the
4 General Assembly for structural changes in the Illinois
5 criminal justice and correctional system with the goals of
6 enhancing public safety, reducing victimization and
7 recidivism, holding offenders more accountable, enhancing
8 probation, mandatory supervised release, and parole
9 supervision, and better managing a growing prison
10 population through increasing public safety, improving
11 rehabilitation, and lowering State expense; and be it
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That members of the Task Force shall receive no
14 additional compensation for their services on the Task Force
15 but may be reimbursed by appropriations made by the General
16 Assembly for their ordinary and necessary expenses; and be it
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall complete its work and
19 report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly
20 no later than November 1, 2012.