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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Recent data indicates that Latinos represent  
3 about 4% of individuals in the Prioritization for Urgency of  
4 Need for Services (PUNS) list of residents who have been  
5 screened and waiting for services relating to their  
6 disabilities; and

7 WHEREAS, Latinos make up 16% of the general population in  
8 the State of Illinois and 25% of the children under 18 in the  
9 State; and

10 WHEREAS, The disparity between the State's Latino  
11 population and Latino membership in the PUNS program indicates  
12 significant barriers and unmet needs for services in the Latino  
13 community; and

14 WHEREAS, There exists a great need for further study of the  
15 State's policies concerning Latinos with disabilities;  
16 therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
18 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE  
19 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that the Latinos with Disabilities  
20 Task Force is created to examine the current status of Latinos  
21 with Disabilities in the State of Illinois and to advise the

1 General Assembly and the Governor on necessary improvements;  
2 and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall:

4 (1) compile information regarding Latinos with  
5 disabilities in the State of Illinois, including but not  
6 limited to incidence, prevalence, type of disability,  
7 access to services, participation in programming, and  
8 outcome data;

9 (2) consider any other available and relevant  
10 information on Latinos with disabilities in Illinois,  
11 including but not limited community feedback, survey, or  
12 Census data;

13 (3) assess the responsiveness of the current and  
14 evolving delivery system of services for persons with  
15 disabilities in the Latino community, including barriers  
16 to participation;

17 (4) assess current health and human services system  
18 reform efforts; and

19 (5) identify and recommend specific best-practices and  
20 changes at the policy, structural, and programmatic level  
21 that can facilitate equitable Latino participation; and be  
22 it further

23 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall be composed of the  
24 following members:

1           (1) 3 members appointed by the Governor who are persons  
2           with developmental disabilities or their immediate  
3           relatives or guardians;

4           (2) 3 members appointed by the Governor who are  
5           representatives of advocate organizations which are  
6           concerned with protecting the rights of persons with  
7           developmental disabilities;

8           (3) 6 members appointed by the Governor who are  
9           representatives of provider agencies or research  
10          organizations; and

11          (4) One member appointed by the Secretary of the  
12          Illinois Department of Human Services as a representative  
13          of that office; and be it further

14          RESOLVED, That all members of the Task Force appointed by  
15          the Governor are to be appointed upon the recommendation of the  
16          Illinois Legislative Latino Caucus and the Illinois Latino  
17          Family Commission; the members of the Task Force shall elect a  
18          chairperson from among their membership; and be it further

19          RESOLVED, That members of the Task Force shall serve  
20          without compensation but shall be reimbursed for their  
21          reasonable and necessary expenses from funds appropriated for  
22          that purpose; and be it further

23          RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall receive administrative

1 support from the Illinois Latino Family Commission and the  
2 Illinois Department of Human Services; and be it further

3       RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall submit its final report  
4 and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly no  
5 later than January 1, 2016.