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"AN ACT DESIGNATING THE STATE DOG AND STATE CANDY."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a working
4 group to study redesignating the state insect, which is established under
5 section 3-109b of the general statutes as the praying mantis. Such
6 working group shall (1) study the reasons for retaining, versus the
7 reasons for redesignating, the current state insect, and (2) consider
8 potential alternative insects that are native to the state, including, but
9 not limited to, the spring azure butterfly and autumn meadowhawk
10 dragonfly.

11 (b) The working group shall consist of the following members:

12 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
13 one of whom is a student in this state with an interest in redesignating
14 the state insect as the spring azure butterfly;

15 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one of
16 whom is a student in this state with an interest in redesignating the state
17 insect as the autumn meadowhawk dragonfly;

18 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
19 Representatives;

20 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

21 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
22 Representatives; and

23 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate.

24 (c) Any member of the working group appointed under subdivision
25 (1), (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
26 of the General Assembly.

27 (d) All initial appointments to the working group shall be made not
28 later than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy
29 shall be filled by the appointing authority.

30 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro
31 tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the working group
32 from among the members of the working group. Such chairpersons shall
33 schedule the first meeting of the working group, which shall be held not
34 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

35 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
36 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to government
37 administration shall serve as administrative staff of the working group.

38 (g) Not later than February 15, 2025, the working group shall submit
39 a report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
40 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
41 relating to government administration, in accordance with the
42 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. Such report shall
43 include, but need not be limited to, the working group's

44 recommendation on whether to redesignate the current state insect and,
45 if so, which insect should be selected and the reasons for such selection.
46 The working group shall terminate on the date that it submits such
47 report or February 15, 2025, whichever is later."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>from passage</i>	New section