

## 1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, In 1980, the General Assembly authorized the  
3 Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Illinois (TRS) to  
4 establish a health insurance program for benefit recipients  
5 and their dependents, with annuitants paying 50% of the cost;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, In 1991, the General Assembly authorized TRS to  
8 increase the subsidy from 50% to 75% to achieve closer parity  
9 with State retirees' health insurance premiums; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1995, the General Assembly transferred the  
11 health insurance program from TRS to the State of Illinois,  
12 to be administered by the Department of Central Management  
13 Services (CMS), and established the Teachers' Retirement  
14 Insurance Program (TRIP); and

15 WHEREAS, The General Assembly reduced the premium subsidy  
16 for the traditional indemnity plan from 75% to 50%; and

17 WHEREAS, The General Assembly mandated that active  
18 teachers pay 0.50% of their salary to help finance the CMS  
19 program; and

20 WHEREAS, The General Assembly mandated the State of  
21 Illinois to match the contributions of the active teachers to  
22 help finance the CMS program; and

23 WHEREAS, The Illinois Economic and Fiscal Commission  
24 reported in November of 2000 that current revenues would not  
25 be able to fund the current TRIP, with a shortfall of \$9.3  
26 million by the end of fiscal year 2002; and

27 WHEREAS, The Illinois Economic and Fiscal Commission  
28 updated its report in April of 2001, increasing the shortfall  
29 to \$37.6 million by the end of fiscal year 2002; and

30 WHEREAS, TRS has hired a health insurance actuary to

1 provide an independent review of the current TRIP funding  
2 status and an analysis of TRIP's projected financial needs,  
3 along with possible alternative scenarios; and

4 WHEREAS, The Illinois Economic and Fiscal Commission  
5 identified 4 possible funding sources for increasing TRIP  
6 funding: retiree premiums, active teacher contributions,  
7 State contributions, and a new contribution requirement for  
8 school districts; and

9 WHEREAS, CMS has proposed an increase to 70% for  
10 annuitant and dependent premiums; therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
12 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE  
13 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that the Governor reduce the 70%  
14 proposal by the Department of Central Management Services to  
15 a level similar to previous years' increases; and be it  
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That a TRIP Funding Task Force be established,  
18 composed of 2 members appointed by the President of the  
19 Senate, 2 members appointed by the Minority Leader of the  
20 Senate, 2 members appointed by the Speaker of the House, 2  
21 members appointed by the Minority Leader of the House, one  
22 member appointed by the Illinois Retired Teachers  
23 Association, one member appointed by the Illinois Education  
24 Association, one member appointed by the Illinois Federation  
25 of Teachers, and 2 members appointed by the Illinois  
26 Statewide School Management Alliance, to study the current  
27 funding shortfall and to report its recommendations on a  
28 solution to the General Assembly on or before November 1,  
29 2001; and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
31 delivered to the Governor, the Illinois Retired Teachers  
32 Association, the Illinois Education Association, the Illinois

1 Federation of Teachers, and the Illinois Statewide School  
2 Management Alliance.