

## 1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The United States Congress has passed and the  
3 President of the United States has signed into law the  
4 federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, Public Law 107-110,  
5 in an attempt by the federal government to require states to  
6 set high academic standards to further ensure outstanding  
7 public school performance; and

8 WHEREAS, Public Law 107-110 requires State compliance and  
9 alignment of State standards in regards to student testing to  
10 meet the federal student-testing requirements to qualify for  
11 federal education dollars; and

12 WHEREAS, The State Board of Education is or will be  
13 required to submit implementation plans to ensure compliance  
14 with Public Law 107-110 regarding student testing; and

15 WHEREAS, The State Board of Education is or will be  
16 required to submit documentation regarding the progress made  
17 to ensure compliance with Public Law 107-110's  
18 student-testing requirements; and

19 WHEREAS, The General Assembly, working with educators,  
20 community groups, and private sector interests, has passed  
21 into law many similar student-testing requirements over the  
22 course of the past decade, which have been and are being  
23 implemented throughout the State of Illinois; and

24 WHEREAS, It is the intention of the General Assembly to  
25 align current State student testing programs with Public Law  
26 107-110 in ways that continue the progress being made to make  
27 Illinois' good public schools even better and to do so in a  
28 deliberate, thoughtful, and common-sense fashion respecting  
29 the appropriate State roles and responsibilities and those of  
30 local school boards, administrators, teachers, school  
31 employees, parents, and their respective local partners;

1 therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
3 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE  
4 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that all Illinois Standards  
5 Achievement Test and Prairie State Achievement Examination  
6 subject-area testing that exceeds Public Law 107-110's  
7 requirements be eliminated beginning with the 2002-03 school  
8 year; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That Illinois will comply with Public Law  
10 107-110 by implementing, beginning with the 2002-03 school  
11 year, testing of students in the subject areas of reading and  
12 mathematics once in grades 3-5, 6-9, and 10-12; and be it  
13 further

14 RESOLVED, That Illinois will comply with Public Law  
15 107-110 in the 2005-06 school year when Public Law 107-110  
16 increases requirements by requiring annual testing of reading  
17 and mathematics in grades 3-8 and once in grades 10-12; and  
18 be it further

19 RESOLVED, That Illinois will comply with Public Law  
20 107-110 in the 2007-2008 school year when Public Law 107-110  
21 increases requirements by requiring testing of science once  
22 in grades 3-5, 6-9, and 10-12; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That the State Assessment System Policy and  
24 Implementation Task Force be immediately established to  
25 develop the procedures needed to implement an approved,  
26 nationally recognized, referenced test that meets the  
27 requirements of Public Law 107-110 and to take any actions  
28 necessary to ensure that the assessment system, including  
29 tests, administration, reporting, and professional  
30 development, is of high quality and educationally useful and  
31 understandable; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That the task force shall be comprised of 25  
2 representatives as follows: one member of the Senate  
3 appointed by the President of the Senate and one member of  
4 the Senate appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate;  
5 one member of the House of Representatives appointed by the  
6 Speaker of the House and one member of the House of  
7 Representatives appointed by the Minority Leader of the  
8 House; 8 teachers, with 4 appointed by Illinois Education  
9 Association and 4 appointed by the Illinois Federation of  
10 Teachers; 6 persons appointed by the Illinois Statewide  
11 School Management Alliance; 4 business representatives, with  
12 one each appointed by the Illinois State Chamber of Commerce,  
13 Illinois Manufacturers' Association, Illinois Retail  
14 Merchants Association, and Illinois Business Roundtable; the  
15 State Superintendent of Education or his or her designee; the  
16 Deputy Governor of Workforce and Education; and one professor  
17 appointed by the Board of Higher Education and employed in an  
18 assessment research position; and be it further

19           RESOLVED, That the task force shall select 2 members to  
20 serve as co-chairs at its initial meeting, shall meet at the  
21 call of the chairs, and shall have duties that include  
22 conducting a series of public hearings during the summer and  
23 fall of 2002 for the purpose of understanding the student  
24 testing required by Public Law 107-110; and be it further

25           RESOLVED, That the task force shall submit an initial  
26 report on its findings and recommendations to the General  
27 Assembly on December 15, 2002, with a final report and  
28 recommendations submitted to the General Assembly on March  
29 15, 2003; and that upon filing its final report the task  
30 force is dissolved; and be it further

31           RESOLVED, That the timelines for implementation of Public  
32 Law 107-110 and policy options to be determined by the State  
33 Board of Education in meeting the requirements of Public Law

1 107-110 shall come before the General Assembly by May 14,  
2 2002; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, being a  
4 regulatory body ultimately accountable to the citizens of  
5 Illinois through the elected members of the General Assembly,  
6 shall not adopt any rules pertaining to the implementation of  
7 Public Law 107-110 prior to the final report of the task  
8 force; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
10 delivered to the State Superintendent of Education, the  
11 President of the Senate, the Minority Leader of the Senate,  
12 the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Minority  
13 Leader of the House of Representatives, the Governor, the  
14 Illinois Education Association, the Illinois Federation of  
15 Teachers, the Illinois Principals Association, the Illinois  
16 Association of School Administrators, the Illinois  
17 Association of School Business Officials, the Illinois  
18 Association of School Boards, the Illinois State Chamber of  
19 Commerce, the Illinois Manufacturers' Association, the  
20 Illinois Retail Merchants Association, the Illinois Business  
21 Roundtable, and the Board of Higher Education.