

1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Public Act 91-525 amended the Structural Pest
3 Control Act for the purpose of reducing economic, health, and
4 environmental risks of pesticide use in schools by promoting
5 the use of integrated pest management for structural pest
6 control; and

7 WHEREAS, The Act recognizes that pests can best be
8 controlled through an integrated pest management program that
9 combines preventive techniques, non-chemical pest control
10 methods, and the appropriate use of pesticides with
11 preference for products that are the least harmful to human
12 health and the environment; and

13 WHEREAS, The Act recognizes that integrated pest
14 management is a good practice in the management of pest
15 populations and that it is prudent to employ pest control
16 strategies that are the least hazardous to human health and
17 the environment; and

18 WHEREAS, The Act provides for an exemption from adopting
19 integrated pest management if a school district determines
20 that it is not economically feasible; and

21 WHEREAS, Seven school districts with almost 20% of the
22 State's total number of school children have sought
23 exemptions under this provision; and

24 WHEREAS, A recent survey by the Safer Pest Control
25 Project found that a majority of the 102 school districts
26 included in the survey were not properly practicing
27 integrated pest management; and

28 WHEREAS, Illinois school children continue to be exposed
29 to pesticides in school; and

30 WHEREAS, Scientists, public health officials, children's

1 advocates, and parents are increasingly alarmed at the rising
2 rate of childhood illness that can be linked to chemical
3 exposure; therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the Illinois Senate
6 affirms its commitment to protecting Illinois school children
7 from pesticides by promoting the practice of integrated pest
8 management; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the Education Committee of the Illinois
10 Senate shall hold hearings to study the effectiveness of
11 Public Act 91-525 and, if necessary, develop recommendations
12 for improving the law's effectiveness; the Senate Committee
13 shall report its findings to the Illinois Senate by December
14 31, 2001; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the Senate shall call upon the Illinois
16 Department of Public Health and the State Board of Education
17 to assist school districts in implementing safer pest control
18 practices and urges all school districts to adopt integrated
19 pest management; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
21 presented to the Illinois Department of Public Health and the
22 State Board of Education.