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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The State's Monetary Award Program (MAP) is one of
3 the largest and most successful need-based, student financial
4 aid program in the United States; and

5 WHEREAS, The award size of MAP grants and their historic,
6 student-focused nature have enabled students of need to attend
7 the college or university that best suits their educational
8 needs; and

9 WHEREAS, MAP grant recipients are able to achieve their
10 potential through education, something that our State holds in
11 the highest value; and

12 WHEREAS, MAP grants are limited in the amount of funds that
13 can be appropriated for them each fiscal year, and the General
14 Assembly and Governor are seeking additional ways to improve
15 the performance of these grants by asking more of the grant
16 recipients and the institutions they choose to attend;
17 therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
20 CONCURRING HEREIN, that the Illinois Student Assistance
21 Commission shall convene a task force to deliberate options for

1 the adoption of new rules for the Monetary Award Program (MAP),
2 with the goal of improving the outcomes for students who
3 receive these awards; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the task force shall include without
5 limitation the following:

6 (1) one representative of Illinois public
7 universities;

8 (2) one representative of Illinois public community
9 colleges;

10 (3) one representative of Illinois non-profit, private
11 colleges and universities;

12 (4) one representative of Illinois proprietary
13 institutions;

14 (5) one representative of an association of financial
15 aid administrators;

16 (6) one student who is currently receiving a MAP grant;

17 (7) one representative of the Illinois Community
18 College Board;

19 (8) one representative of the Board of Higher
20 Education;

21 (9) one representative of the Office of the Lieutenant
22 Governor; and

23 (10) the Executive Director of the Illinois Student
24 Assistance Commission, who shall serve as chairperson of
25 the task force, and one other representative of the

1 Illinois Student Assistance Commission; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That members of the task force shall be appointed
3 by the Executive Director of the Illinois Student Assistance
4 Commission; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the members of the task force shall serve
6 without compensation but shall be reimbursed for their
7 reasonable and necessary expenses from funds available for that
8 purpose; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Student Assistance Commission
10 shall provide administrative and other support to the task
11 force; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the task force shall hold public meetings
13 and seek input from students and additional stakeholders; and
14 be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the new rules should be created with the
16 following goals:

17 (1) to improve the partnerships between this State and
18 institutions as they provide both financial assistance and
19 academic support to MAP recipients;

20 (2) to improve the overall effectiveness of MAP grants
21 in helping students of need not only enter college, but to

1 complete a degree program; and

2 (3) to recognize that all colleges and universities are
3 different, and the different natures of their student
4 populations and their varying missions must be recognized
5 as inherently good and valuable; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That these new rules should be designed so that
7 they do not alter, nor have an adverse impact on, an
8 institution's mission; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the deliberations should include the
10 following concepts:

11 (1) institutional eligibility for MAP grants may, in
12 the future, become based in part on an institution's
13 ability to improve its MAP-grant students' progress
14 towards a degree or its MAP-grant degree completion rate;

15 (2) a student's eligibility for a MAP grant may, in the
16 future, become based in part on that student's ability to
17 demonstrate that he or she is achieving academic success
18 and making progress; and

19 (3) an institution's eligibility for MAP grants may, in
20 the future, become based in part on its ability to
21 demonstrate that it is a partner with this State and the
22 institution is providing financial aid to students from its
23 own resources; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That to provide adequate time for the creation
2 and implementation of new measurement and performance systems,
3 the new systems should not become eligibility criteria for MAP
4 funds prior to the Fiscal Year 2015 budget; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the task force shall complete its work and
6 report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly
7 no later than January 1, 2013; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 delivered to the Executive Director of the Illinois Student
10 Assistance Commission.