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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 27

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Joint Resolution 27 by
3 replacing everything after the heading with the following:

4 "WHEREAS, In 2010 the State of Illinois enacted a new set
5 of pension benefits for public employees in State-funded
6 pension systems; and

7 WHEREAS, Public employees hired on or after January 1, 2011
8 are commonly referred to as "Tier 2" members; and

9 WHEREAS, These Tier 2 members include public school
10 teachers in K-12 classrooms throughout the State of Illinois;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Public school teachers do not receive Social
13 Security, and many pension experts believe that Tier 2 benefits
14 do not provide a pension that is at least equal to that federal

1 program; and

2 WHEREAS, It is essential that Illinois provide a benefit
3 and pay package that will attract the most talented and
4 ambitious teachers in the country to our schools; and

5 WHEREAS, These benefits have been in effect for newly hired
6 public school teachers for over two years with no study of how
7 this has impacted recruitment and retention of teachers in
8 Illinois; and

9 WHEREAS, It is appropriate for the General Assembly to
10 study the impact of these benefits on the State's ability to
11 provide the best teachers to our children; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
13 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
14 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that the Teacher Recruiting and
15 Retention Task Force be created to study the impact of these
16 Tier 2 pension benefits on the ability of school districts to
17 recruit and retain teachers in public school classrooms; and be
18 it further

19 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall consist of 2 members of
20 the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the
21 House, one of whom shall serve as co-chair, 2 members of the

1 House of Representatives appointed by the Minority Leader of
2 the House, 2 members of the Senate appointed by the President
3 of the Senate, one of whom shall serve as co-chair, 2 members
4 of the Senate appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate,
5 and 2 members appointed by the Governor; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That 2 members from a statewide school alliance
7 and 2 members from separate unions representing public school
8 teachers statewide shall be appointed by the co-chairs to the
9 Task Force; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education shall provide
11 all necessary support to the Task Force; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall report its findings to
13 the Governor and the General Assembly on or before January 1,
14 2014.".